

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 26.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR.

AN ACT additional to chapter eighteen of the revised statutes relating to the municipal officers of towns and plantations and relating to highways.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The selectmen of towns and assessors of
2 plantations chosen in eighteen hundred and sixty-four
3 shall hold their offices as follows : the one first chosen,
4 for the term of three years, who shall be chairman,
5 and the second one chosen, for the term of two years.
6 The third one chosen, for the term of one year, and at
7 each subsequent annual meeting of said towns and
8 plantations one selectman or assessor shall be chosen
9 who shall hold their offices for the term of three years.

10 After the first three years the board of selectmen and of
11 assessors shall choose their own chairman. The select-
12 men of towns shall be assessors and overseers of the
13 poor unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

SECT. 2. The selectmen may transfer all or any
2 portion of any highway tax from one highway district
3 to another when in their judgment it will be for the
4 interest of the town so to do.

SECT. 3. The selectmen shall appoint the highway
2 surveyors whose offices shall begin and expire on the
3 first day of May each year, and report their action to
4 the town clerk, whose duty it shall be to record the
5 same.

SECT. 4. The lands of non-resident proprietors shall
2 be taxed for making and repairing highways in the
3 same manner as for the town taxes, and upon default
4 of payment the same proceedings shall be had as are
5 provided for the collection of other town taxes of such
6 persons; *provided however*, that surveyors shall be re-
7 quired to give notice in the manner specified in section
8 fifty-eight of said chapter to be given by commission-
9 ers, and every non-resident shall have the right at any
10 time between the tenth day of June and the first day
11 of July to pay any highway tax assessed on his land
12 in labor, under the direction of the surveyor or other

13 proper person as the selectmen may designate ; and
14 such surveyor or other person shall give to such non-
15 resident, a certificate of the amount of such labor,
16 which shall be received by the collector in payment of
17 such tax.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on and after the
2 first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 18, 1864.

Reported by Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*