

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1050

H. P. 850

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mrs. Post of Owl's Head, referred to the Committee on Taxation.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Repeal State Valuation of Property Throughout the State.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 305, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 78, § 21, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

“Shall state valuation of property throughout the State be eliminated?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes

for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1981.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the key statutory provision requiring state valuation of property throughout the State, provides for a referendum on that question and sets an effective date of January 1, 1981 for the repeal in order to give the Legislature sufficient time to adjust the statutes to that repeal.