

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 148.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to provide for state valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized,
2 with the advice and consent of the council, to ap-
3 point a commission, on or before the first day of
4 April next, to consist of seven persons, one from
5 each councillor district, to prepare a full, just and
6 equal valuation of the state, with an enumeration
7 of all the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of
8 taxation for state purposes for the ensuing decade,
9 commencing with the year one thousand eight
10 hundred and eighty.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus chosen,
2 shall hold their first session at the capitol, in
3 Augusta, on the seventeenth day of September
4 next, first giving public and sufficient notice of the
5 time and place of said meeting, requiring the asses-
6 sors, or some one of them, of each city, town and

7 plantation, to appear personally with, or to trans-
8 mit to them on said day, their several tax and
9 valuation lists, and lists of taxable polls of their
10 several cities, towns and plantations, for the years
11 eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hun-
12 dred and seventy-eight and eighteen hundred and
13 seventy-nine, and also such lists for the year eigh-
14 teen hundred and seventy-nine, affixing said estates
15 and property of whatever kind enumerated and set
16 forth therein, the full, fair cash value thereof, as
17 required by law, which lists shall be made out and
18 verified under oath. And at any meeting of said
19 board of commissioners, regularly and properly
20 notified, a majority of the members thereof shall
21 constitute a quorum; and said commissioners may
22 appoint a chairman from their own number to pre-
23 side over the sittings of the board, and also may
24 choose a clerk to keep a fair record of its proceed-
25 ings, and such other clerks as they deem necessary,
26 not to exceed five persons.

Resolved, That if from any city, town or planta-
2 tion, no member of the board of assessors shall
3 appear at the time and place fixed in the public
4 notice by the commissioners, or transmit the lists
5 named in the preceding resolve, the said commis-
6 sioners may, in their discretion, proceed to doom

7 such city, town or plantation to the payment of
8 such proportion and amount of the state tax as they
9 shall deem just and equitable, both on the valuation
10 and poll lists.

Resolved, That said board of commissioners shall
2 prepare full and accurate lists of all the cities,
3 towns and plantations, wherein the valuation shall
4 be equalized throughout the state, in such manner
5 that taxation for state purposes founded thereon
6 for the next decade, shall be just and equal as
7 nearly as may be throughout the state. And said
8 commissioners shall complete their lists of valua-
9 tion on or before the twentieth day of January,
10 eighteen hundred and eighty; and when completed,
11 they shall be forthwith delivered by the chairman
12 of the commissioners to the state treasurer, who
13 shall safely keep them, subject to the order of the
14 legislature.

Resolved, That the land agent be required to pre-
2 pare and deliver to said board of commissioners,
3 full and accurate lists of all townships, parts of
4 townships, blocks, and lots of wild lands in the
5 state, which have been sold by the state and which
6 have not yet been included in the tax lists of the
7 state; and the lists so prepared shall state the fair
8 valuation of all lands described or stated therein.

9 And these lists shall contain a statement of all
10 lands which have been actually sold as aforesaid,
11 whether deeds of conveyance have passed or not.
12 Also a statement of all lands on which the timber
13 has been sold or right to cut timber granted for
14 any number of years, which right to cut timber,
15 leases, and all other interest therein, shall be
16 appraised at their just value.

Resolved, That the first meeting of the board of
2 commissioners for purposes of organization, shall
3 be held at the office of the state treasurer, at Au-
4 gusta, on the seventeenth day of September, and
5 notice of the time and place of said meeting shall
6 be sent by mail by the treasurer to each of the
7 commissioners as soon as appointments have been
8 made and confirmed by the council.

Resolved, That as a full compensation for services
2 rendered in the execution of their duty, said com-
3 missioners and clerk shall be entitled to receive
4 from the treasury of the state per day
5 each while actually engaged in the duties of the
6 commission, and all other clerks that are employed
7 by said commissioners shall receive two dollars
8 and fifty cents per day each while actually engaged
9 in the duties of the commission, and said commis-
10 sioners and clerks shall be allowed actual travelling

11 expenses in travelling to Augusta and returning
12 therefrom once during the session. And the gov-
13 ernor, after examination and approval by the coun-
14 cil of the accounts of said commissioners, and their
15 clerks, for services and travel as aforesaid, shall be
16 authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer
17 in payment of the same.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the secre-
2 tary of state to prepare and furnish to each city,
3 town and plantation, on or before the first day of
4 May next, the necessary blanks to carry into effect
5 the provisions of the foregoing resolves.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It is essential to ensure that every entry is properly documented and verified. This process helps in identifying any discrepancies or errors early on, allowing for prompt correction. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized equipment. Each method has its own strengths and limitations, and it is important to choose the most appropriate one for the specific task at hand. The third part of the document provides a detailed description of the experimental setup. This includes information about the location of the study, the equipment used, and the procedures followed. The fourth part of the document presents the results of the study. These results are discussed in terms of their significance and implications for the field of study. The final part of the document provides a conclusion and a list of references.

The data collected during the study were analyzed using statistical methods. The results show a significant correlation between the variables studied. This finding is consistent with previous research in the field. The study also identified several factors that influence the outcome of the experiment. These factors include the duration of the experiment, the skill level of the participants, and the quality of the equipment used. The study has several limitations, including a small sample size and a lack of control over some external variables. Future research should aim to address these limitations and further explore the relationship between the variables studied. The study has important implications for the field of study and provides a foundation for further research. The findings of this study can be used to inform the development of new theories and models. The study also provides a practical example of how to conduct a research project in this field. The methods and procedures described in this document can be used as a guide for other researchers. The study is a valuable contribution to the field and provides a clear and concise summary of the findings. The study is a model of good research practice and provides a clear and concise summary of the findings. The study is a valuable contribution to the field and provides a clear and concise summary of the findings.

STATE OF MAINE.

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