

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 61.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES to provide for a State Valuation.

Resolved, That the Governor is hereby authorized to
2 immediately appoint a commission of sixteen persons,
3 one of whom shall be taken from each of the counties in
4 the State, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of
5 the estates, and an enumeration of the polls subject to be
6 taxed, as a basis of taxation for State purposes, and to
7 report the same to the legislature not later than the
8 second Wednesday of January, 1891.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus appointed shall
10 hold their first session at the capitol at Augusta immedi-
11 ately after their appointment, and shall proceed without
12 delay to prepare said valuation, and shall sit at such
13 times and at such places as they may deem necessary to
14 secure such information as will enable them to make a
15 correct report. Said commissioners shall give such
16 public notice of their sessions as they may deem proper,
17 and also a printed notice mailed to the assessors of the
18 several cities, towns and plantations, requiring them to

19 appear personally with, or transmit to them immediately,
20 unless the same have already been transmitted to the
21 secretary of state, the several tax and valuation lists and
22 lists of taxable polls of their several cities, towns and
23 plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-
24 eight, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and eighteen
25 hundred and ninety, containing the estates and property
26 taxable therein, and the fair cash value of each kind of
27 property therein enumerated, as required by law, and
28 the correctness of said lists of taxable polls and estates
29 and the valuation of the property therein enumerated for
30 the year eighteen hundred and ninety shall be verified by the
31 oath or affirmation of said several assessors or one of
32 them. Said commissioners shall have power to summon
33 before them and examine upon oath either of said asses-
34 sors, any town or city officer, or other person, touching
35 such lists and the amount and value of the
36 taxable property in said several cities, towns and
37 plantations, and all other matters connected therewith,
38 and to require such person summoned to produce all
39 records or other public documents relating thereto. If
40 the assessors of any city, town or plantation, or one of
41 them, shall fail to appear before said commission or
42 transmit to them the lists above named within ten days
43 after the mailing and publication of said notices, the said
44 commissioners may in their discretion and upon such
45 other information as they may obtain, report the valuation
46 of the estates and property and lists of polls, liable to
47 taxation in such city, town or plantation so in default, as
48 they shall deem just and equitable.

Resolved, That the land agent be and is hereby required
50 to immediately prepare and deliver to said commissioners
51 full and accurate lists of all townships or parts of town-
52 ships, or lots, or parcels of wild lands in this State sold
53 and not included in the tax lists, whether conveyed or
54 not conveyed, together with the fair value thereof, and to
55 lay before said commissioners all information in his
56 possession touching the value of wild lands when required
57 by them so to do; also a statement of all lands on which
58 timber has been sold or a permit or right to cut timber
59 has been sold or granted by lease or otherwise,
60 together with the fair value thereof. All other State
61 officers shall in like manner lay all information in their
62 possession, touching said valuation, before said commis-
63 sioners when requested by them so to do.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall immediately
65 notify each of said commissioners of his appointment. A
66 majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum.
67 They may appoint a chairman from their number, and
68 employ a suitable clerk to keep their records, and such
69 other clerks as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the secretary of state furnish to said
71 commission, for their use in preparing said valuation, all
72 necessary stationery, blanks, blank-books, printed notices
73 and summonses. That as a full compensation for
74 services, said commissioners shall each receive from the
75 State treasury three dollars per day while actually
76 engaged in preparing said valuation and making their
77 report thereon; and said clerks employed by said
78 commissioners shall each in like manner receive not
79 exceeding two dollars per day while actually employed in

80 the duties of said commission. Said commissioners and
81 clerks shall be allowed actual traveling expenses to and
82 returning from Augusta or such other place or places as
83 they hold their meetings. The accounts of said commis-
84 sioners and their clerks for services and travel shall be
85 audited by the council, and when the same are approved
86 by them the governor shall be authorized to draw his
87 warrant upon the treasurer therefor.

Resolved, That these resolves take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 4, 1889.

Reported by Mr. SARGENT, from Committee on Financial Affairs,
and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.