

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 324.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT relating to the taxation of Savings Banks.

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

SECTION 1. Every savings bank, institution for savings
2 and trust and loan association incorporated under the
3 laws of the State shall, semi-annually, on the last Satur-
4 day of April and October, make a return, signed and
5 sworn to by its treasurer, of the average amount of its
6 deposits, reserve fund and undivided profits for the six
7 months preceding each of said days, together with a state-
8 ment in detail of its assets, loans, investments at the market
9 value thereof as determined by the bank examiner, and
10 its deposits within and without the State in separate.

11 columns with aggregates, so arranged as to clearly show
12 whether the purchase or acquisition of each item in such
13 detailed statement was prior or subsequent to January
14 first eighteen hundred and ninety-three. All assets, loans
15 or investments made, purchased or acquired from the
16 proceeds of assets, loans or investments held on said Jan-
17 uary first and thereafter renewed, sold or paid shall be
18 entered in said statement as acquired subsequent to said
19 January first. Said return shall be made to the State
20 assessors on or before the second Mondays of May and
21 November, and for wilfully making a false return the
22 corporation treasurer forfeits not less than five hundred
23 nor more than five thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The State assessors shall thereupon determine
2 the value of the several franchises of the said banks, in-
3 stitutions and associations according to the following
4 rule: from the average amount of deposits, reserve
5 fund and undivided profits so returned by each bank, in-
6 stitution or association there shall in each case be de-
7 ducted an amount equal to the amount of United States
8 bonds, the shares of corporation stocks such as are by
9 law of this State free from taxation to the stockholders,
10 and the assessed value of real estate owned by the bank,
11 institution or association, and also an amount equal to
12 one-seventh of such other assets, loans and investments as
13 by said detailed statement appeared to have been acquired
14 prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three,
15 and also an amount equal to two-sevenths of such other
16 assets, loans and investments as by such statement appear
17 to be loans to persons resident or corporations located
18 and doing business in this State, investments in mort-

19 gages on real estate in Maine, securities of this State,
20 public or private, bonds issued or guaranteed by cor-
21 porations located and doing business in this State, sev-
22 erally made, purchased or acquired since January first,
23 and also an amount equal to two-sevenths of the cash on
24 hand and cash deposited within this State. Upon the
25 value of each of said franchises so ascertained the State
26 assessors shall assess an annual tax of seven-eighths of
27 one per cent, one half of said tax to be assessed on or
28 before the fourth Monday in May, and one half on or
29 before the fourth Monday in November. The State
30 assessors shall thereupon certify said assessments to the
31 treasurer of State, who shall forthwith notify the several
32 banks, institutions and associations interested.

SECT. 3. All taxes so assessed shall be paid semi-
2 annually within ten days after the first Mondays in June
3 and December. One half of the sum so paid shall be
4 appropriated for schools, in the manner provided for tax
5 on banks of circulation in section one hundred and seven-
6 teen of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes, and one-
7 half to the State. •

SECT. 4. Sections sixty-four and sixty-five of chapter
2 six of the Revised Statutes are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Joint Special Committee on Taxation to which was referred the bill entitled "An act relating to the Taxation of Savings Banks," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under title of "An act relating to the Taxation of Savings Banks," and that it ought to pass.

DEERING,
WEEKS,
LOTHROP,
SCOTT,
BRACKETT,
ROBERTS.

AN ACT to amend section sixty-four of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter seventy-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to taxation of Savings Banks.

SECTION. 1. Section sixty-four of chapter six of the
2 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter seventy-four of
3 the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, is
4 hereby amended by inserting after the word "institution"
5 in the ninth line of said section as amended, the words
6 'and adding thereto so much of the reserve fund of such
7 bank, and of the average of its undivided profits for said
8 six months as, taken together, shall be in excess of two
9 per cent of its deposits,' and by inserting after the word
10 "deposits," in the line next to the last in said section, the
11 words 'ascertained by deductions and additions as afore-
12 said,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Section 64. Every savings bank and institution for
14 savings, incorporated under the laws of the State, shall,
15 semi-annually, on the last Saturdays of April and October,
16 make a return, signed and sworn to by its treasurer, of
17 the average amount of its deposits for the six months pre-
18 ceding each of said days, deducting an amount equal to
19 the amount of United States bonds and shares of corpor-
20 ation stocks, such as are by law of this State free from
21 taxation to the stockholders, and the value of real estate
22 owned by said bank or institution ; and adding thereto so
23 much of the reserve fund of such bank and of the average
24 of its undivided profits for said six months as taken to-
25 gether shall be in excess of two per cent of its deposits.
26 Said return shall be made to the treasurer of State on or

27 before the second Moudays of May and November, and
28 for willfully making a false return, the corporation treas-
29 urer forfeits not less than five hundred nor more than five
30 thousand dollars.

Such treasurer shall pay to the treasurer of State a tax
32 on account of its deposits of three-fourths of one per cent
33 a year on the amount of its deposits, ascertained by de-
34 ductions and additions as aforesaid, as in said returns.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

MINORITY REPORT.

The Joint Special Committee on Taxation, to which was referred the bill entitled "An Act relating to the Taxation of Savings Banks," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section sixty-four of Chapter six of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter seventy-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to taxation of Savings Banks," and that it ought to pass.

A. E. HERRICK,
H. W. SWANTON,
SAMUEL W. LANE,
A. F. BRADBURY.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March . }

Tabled pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. WEEKS of Fairfield, both reports and bills ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*