

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 232.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in relation to valuation of Wild Lands.

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

SECTION 1. On or before the first day of May, 1896,
2 and on or before the first day of May of each second year
3 thereafter, owners of wild lands taxed by the state as
4 such shall file with the state assessors, a descriptive list
5 thereof, giving the range, number of township, and let-
6 ters used in the state tax list, to designate the same, also
7 describing his land by metes and bounds if it be different
8 from the description used in the then last state tax act,
9 and in either case correctly describing his interest therein
10 if less than the whole, and if by metes and bounds stating
11 the number of acres.

SECT. 2. Owners of wild lands taxed by the state as
2 such, and the several registers of deeds shall within thirty

3 days after any sales of such wild lands are made, and
4 deeds recorded, send an abstract of the description therein
5 to the state assessors. It is made the duty of the registers
6 of deeds to make such abstract and return thereof without
7 any fee therefor.

SECT. 3. Any owner of wild land or his agent who is
2 dissatisfied with the valuation by the state assessors may
3 apply to them for an estimate of the value thereof, where-
4 upon the assessors may appoint an expert in estimating
5 timber lands to explore and estimate the same under the
6 instructions of the state assessors. His report shall be in
7 writing and open to the inspection of the owner or his
8 agent, who may have a copy thereof by paying the rea-
9 sonable expense of making such copy.

SECT. 4. Before such exploration is made the owner
2 or his agent shall be notified by the board of their ap-
3 pointment of an explorer, whereupon he may appoint
4 another explorer at his own expense to go with the ex-
5 plorer appointed by the assessors, show him the land and
6 generally assist him in the work of exploration.

SECT. 5. The state assessors shall pay the explorer
2 appointed by them a reasonable sum for the services and
3 expenses of himself and his assistants. Bills for the same
4 shall be audited and approved by the state assessors and
5 paid from any money appropriated for the use of the
6 assessors.

SECT. 6. After the report of an explorer is presented
2 the assessors shall appoint a time and a place for a hearing
3 thereon and give notice thereof to the owner or his agent,
4 and an opportunity to be heard before the report is used in
5 changing the valuation.

REPORT "A."

The committee on taxation to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act in relation to the Valuation of Wild Lands," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

GILBERT,
WHELDEN,
TOLMAN,
SAWYER,
TIBBETTS.

REPORT "B."

The Committee on Taxation to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act in relation to Valuation of Wild Lands" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought to pass.

MARSTON,
WEEKS,
TEAGUE,
ADAMS.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 14, 1895.

Pending acceptance, laid on table to be printed, on motion by Mr.
MARSTON of Somerset.

• KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*