

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 52.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the city of Biddeford.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand five hundred and
2 eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents be appropriated and paid to
3 the city of Biddeford, it being an abatement and refunding of a
4 portion of the state taxes paid by said city for the years
5 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, eighteen hundred ninety-six,
6 eighteen hundred ninety-seven and eighteen hundred ninety-
7 eight.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The undersigned being duly authorized by order of the city council passed January 16, 1899, respectfully represents that in consequence of an error in the valuation of the property of the Biddeford and Saco Water Company, returned as exempted property during the years 1894 and 1896 we have paid the state tax for four years on a valuation of (\$500,000) five hundred thousand dollars, a sum more than double the true valuation of the water company plant and out of all proportion to the valuation of other similar property throughout the state. We therefore petition your honorable body to correct the error by making a just and equitable computation of what we have overpaid, and deducting it from our next state tax. The annexed statement shows the amount claimed.

L. W. STONE, *Mayor of Biddeford.*

According to returns made in the years 1894 and 1896 the :

Amount of state tax in 1895	was on	\$500,000	at	2 1-2 mills,	\$1,250
“ “ “	1896 was on	500,000	at	2 1-4 mills,	1,125
“ “ “	1897 was on	500,000	at	2 3-4 mills,	1,375
“ “ “	1898 was on	500,000	at	2 3-4 mills,	1,375
Amount of tax paid in four years					\$5,125

According to the recommendation of the state assessors and the judgment of the financial committee to whom the resolve was referred, the tax should have been on a valuation of \$150,000 and would have been as follows :

Amount of state tax in 1895	on	\$150,000	at	2 1-2 mills,	\$375 00
“ “ “	1896 on	150,000	at	2 1-4 mills,	337 50
“ “ “	1897 on	150,000	at	2 3-4 mills,	412 50
“ “ “	1898 on	150,000	at	2 3-4 mills,	412 50
					\$1,537 50

This amount deducted from \$5,125 00

1,537 50

leaves \$3,587 50 amount recommended

in resolve.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 20, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*