

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 32

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred fifty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three as amended by chapter one hundred thirty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the taxation of Savings Banks.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred fifty-eight
2 of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three as
3 amended by section one of chapter one hundred thirty of
4 the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is
5 hereby amended by striking out the following words in lines
6 nine to sixteen inclusive: "with aggregates so arranged as

7 to clearly show whether the purchase or acquisition of each
8 item in such detailed statement was prior or subsequent to
9 January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three. All assets,
10 loans or investments made, purchased or acquired from the
11 proceeds of assets, loans or investments held on said January
12 first and thereafter renewed, sold or paid shall be entered in
13 said statement as acquired subsequent to said January first."

14 So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. Every savings bank, institution for savings and
16 trust and loan association incorporated under the laws of the
17 State, shall, semi-annually, on the last Saturdays of April
18 and October, make a return, signed and sworn to by its treas-
19 urer, of the average amount of its deposits, reserve fund and
20 undivided profits for the six months preceding each of said
21 days, together with a statement in detail of its assets, loans
22 and investments and its deposits within and without the State,
23 in separate columns. Said return shall be made to the bank
24 examiner on or before the first Saturdays of May and
25 November and within thirty days thereafter, he shall fix and
26 determine the market values of the investments aforesaid and
27 transmit the same with such values so determined to the State
28 assessors for the assessment required by section two.'

Sect. 2. Section two of said chapter two hundred fifty-
2 eight as amended by said chapter one hundred thirty is hereby
3 amended by striking out in lines ten to thirteen the following
4 words: "and also an amount equal to one-seventh of such
5 other assets, loans and investments as by said detailed state-
6 ment appear to have been acquired prior to January first,
7 eighteen hundred and ninety-three"; also by striking out the
8 word "sevenths" in the fourteenth line and inserting instead
9 thereof the word 'fifths,' also by striking out the words
10 "and New Hampshire" in the eighteenth line; also by strik-
11 ing out in lines twenty and twenty-one the words "severally
12 made, purchased or acquired since said January first"; also

13 by striking out the word "sevenths" in the twenty-second line
14 and inserting in place thereof the word 'fifths'; also by
15 striking out the word "seven" in the twenty-fourth line and
16 inserting in place thereof the word 'five'; and by adding at
17 the end of said section the following words: 'Provided, how-
18 ever, that for the year beginning April first, nineteen hundred
19 and three, and ending April first, nineteen hundred and four,
20 the fractional deduction shall be two-sixths and the rate of
21 assessment shall be six-eighths in order to make for said year
22 a reduction of one-eighth of one per cent from the present
23 rate of taxation.' So that said section as amended shall read
24 as follows:

'Sect. 2. The State assessors shall thereupon determine the
26 values of the several franchises of the said banks, institutions
27 and associations according to the following rule: From the
28 average amount of deposits, reserve fund and undivided
29 profits so returned by each bank, institution or association
30 there shall in each case be deducted an amount equal to the
31 amount of United States bonds, the shares of corporation
32 stocks such as are by law of this State free from taxation to
33 the stockholders, and the assessed value of real estate owned
34 by the bank, institution or association, and also an amount
35 equal to two-fifths of such other assets, loans and invest-
36 ments as by such statement appear to be loans to persons
37 resident or corporations located and doing business in this
38 State, investments in mortgages on real estate in Maine,
39 securities of this State, public or private, bonds issued by
40 corporations located and doing business in this State or
41 guaranteed by such corporations, provided the corporations
42 issuing such bonds be operated by and physically connected
43 with such guaranteeing corporations, and also an amount
44 equal to two-fifths of the cash on hand and cash deposited
45 within the State. Upon the value of each of said franchises
46 so ascertained the State assessors shall assess an annual tax

47 of five-eighths of one per cent, one-half of said tax to be
48 assessed on or before the fifteenth day of June, and one-half
49 on or before the fifteenth day of December. The State
50 assessors shall thereupon certify said assessments to the
51 treasurer of state, who shall forthwith notify the several
52 banks, institutions and associations interested.

Provided, however, that for the year beginning April first,
54 nineteen hundred and three, and ending April first, nineteen
55 hundred and four, the fractional deduction shall be two-sixths
56 and the rate of assessment shall be six-eighths in order to
57 make for said year a reduction of one-eighth of one per cent
58 from the present rate of taxation.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, January 30, 1903.

Reported by Mr. THOMPSON of China, from Committee on Taxation, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*