

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 19

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to provide a commission to inquire into the present system of assessing and collecting taxes, and, if possible, to provide for a better and more complete system of assessment and collection, and report to the governor and council.

Resolved, That the governor, by and with the consent of
2 the council, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to
3 appoint a commission consisting of five members, not more
4 than three of whom shall be taken from the same political
5 party, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the present sys-
6 tem of raising revenue for the state, county and municipal
7 expenses, and to provide, if possible, for a more equal, just
8 and equitable system of taxation on all kinds of property in
9 this state, for the purpose of state, county and municipal
10 expenses; and to provide, if possible, for a better and more
11 complete system of assessment and collection of taxes in this

12 state; said commission to be paid from any money in the
13 state treasury not otherwise appropriated, such a sum for
14 their services as shall be allowed by the governor and council,
15 and for necessary clerk hire, and incidental expenses; and
16 report to the governor and council as soon as they have com-
17 pleted their investigations and formulated their recommen-
18 dations by bill or otherwise; that the governor shall, if the
19 report of said commission is completed and the recom-
20 mendations made before the first day of January, 1908, con-
21 vene the legislature in extra session during the month of
22 January, 1908, to consider said report and recommendations;
23 and that the governor shall cause the report and recom-
24 mendations of said commission to be printed and distributed
25 at the state's expense, three copies of which shall be sent by
26 mail, or otherwise, to each member of the present legislature
27 at their proper residence; and one thousand copies of said
28 report and recommendations shall be provided for the use of
29 the public, or, to the use of the next legislature of this state,
30 if said report and recommendations are not submitted to an
31 extra session of this legislature in January, 1908.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 22, 1907.

Presented by Mr. HESELTON of Kennebec, and on motion by same Senator, laid on table to be printed pending reference to Committee on Taxation.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.