

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 174

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 coun-
15 cil, and for necessary clerk hire, and incidental expenses;
16 and report to the governor and council as soon as they have
17 completed their investigations and formulated their recom-
18 mendations by bill or otherwise; that the governor may, if
19 the 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 recommen-
24 dations of said commission to be printed and distributed at
25 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, March 1, 1907.

Reported by Mr. HOUSTON from Committee on Taxation, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*