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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 455

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to exempt growing white pine from taxation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The growth on all land in incorporated towns

- 2 bearing not less than one hundred sixty growing white pine
- 3 trees per acre, from two to fifteen inches in diameter three
- 4 feet from the ground, will hereafter be exempt from taxation
- 5 while standing.
 - Sect. 2. An excise tax of two per cent. will be levied on
- 2 the stumpage value of all trees cut from this land for any
- 3 purpose for the year 1910, and this rate shall be increased
- 4 by one per cent. each year until the year 1918, when it will
- 5 have reached the rate of ten per cent. on said stumpage; at

- 6 which rate of ten per cent. it shall be continued thereafter.
- Sect. 3. The assessors in making their annual valuation 2 shall assess the land independent of the growth at a rate 3 not higher than the lowest valuation of other land in that 4 vicinity, and shall enter on their valuation book a statement 5 that the growth on said land is exempt by reason of the
- 6 provisions of this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 19, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WARREN from Committee on Forest Preservation and Water Supply and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

 $F.\ G.\ FARRINGTON,\ Secretary.$