

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 184

House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1913.

*Tabled Pending Reference to a committee by Mr. Price of
Richmond and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to establish a Board of Appeal on fire insurance rates.

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

Section 1. The Governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint for a term of three years each two
3 persons who shall be citizens of this State and who, with
4 the insurance commissioner or some person whom he may
5 appoint as special deputy for that purpose, shall constitute
6 a board of appeal for fire insurance rates. The insurance
7 commissioner or his special deputy shall be chairman of the
8 board. An office and a room for hearings shall be provided
9 by the state, when they are deemed necessary by the Gov-
10 ernor and council, and the board may employ a stenograph-

11 er and shall have power to compel the attendance of wit-
12 nesses and the production of books and documents.

Sect. 2. Any person, firm or corporation aggrieved by
2 any rating of a fire insurance company or board may file a
3 complaint with the insurance commissioner, who shall noti-
4 fy the board above provided for. The complaint shall be
5 in writing and shall state in detail the grounds upon which
6 the complaint asks relief. The said board shall notify in
7 writing all parties whom it deems to be interested, and shall
8 set a time, not earlier than seven days after the date of the
9 notice, and a place for a hearing upon the complaint. After
10 due hearing the board shall make a finding as to whether
11 the established rate is excessive, unfair or discriminatory,
12 and shall make such recommendations as it deems advisable.
13 The finding and recommendation in each case shall be made
14 a matter of record and shall be open to public inspection.

Sect. 3. The compensation of the two appointees of the
2 governor and a special deputy, if appointed, shall be sev-
3 erally ten dollars a day for each day or fraction thereof ac-
4 tually employed in the service, but the insurance commis-
5 sioner shall receive no extra compensation for service on the
6 board but may receive actual expense incurred. The neces-
7 sary expense of the board in carrying out the provisions of
8 this act shall be borne by the state.

Sect. 4. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$250.00
2 to carry out the provisions of this act for the year 1913 and
3 \$500.00 for the year 1914.