

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Choice of Assessors and Compensation of  
Town Officers.**

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

**R. S., c. 13, § 86, repealed.** Section 86 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and chapter 5 of the revised statutes is amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 12-A and section 12-B to read as follows:

‘Sec. 12-A. Selectmen to act as assessors. If any town does not choose assessors, the selectmen shall be the assessors, and each of them shall be sworn as an assessor.’

‘Sec. 12-B. Compensation of town officers. Any town may, by majority vote at its annual town meeting, fix the compensation of its selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, allowing such sums as may be commensurate with the duties of the offices. In the event a town fails to fix the compensation of its selectmen, assessors or overseers of the poor at its annual meeting, then such officers shall be paid on a per diem basis, and in such an event, in towns having less than 3,000 inhabitants, such officers shall be paid the sum of \$2.50 for every day actually and neces-

sarily employed in the service of the town, and in towns having 3,000 or more inhabitants, such officers shall be paid the sum of \$5 for every day while so employed.'