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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
94th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1643, L. D. 955, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland re Powers of Assessors."

Amend said bill by striking out all of the underlined paragraph at the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined two paragraphs:

'The assessors, or their duly authorized agents, shall have the power to require the submission of the true and perfect lists of the polls and all the estates, both real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, which are assessable in said city according to any provisions of law. Upon request made not less than 10 days prior to the date established for the submission of such lists, all persons against whom the taxes are assessable shall submit said lists in the same manner as provided in chapter 81 of the revised statutes, and such persons further shall make oath affirming the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted thereon prior to the time of the submission, if so requested by the assessors. Failure to do so, after due notice and request, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In the event that the assessors believe that the information submitted on such list or lists is false or incomplete, they shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to official acts and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records deemed necessary as evidence in connection with the administration of this section. The production of such books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records shall be made upon notice and request.

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given not less than 30 days prior to the time that such books and records are to be examined.

The form of subpoena to be used to subpoena witnesses shall be the same as used in the courts of the state and the same rule shall apply to the form of subpoena duces tecum. Any person who without just cause fails or refuses to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiries or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records if it is in his power so to do in obedience to a subpoena of the assessors shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Filed by Mr. Chapman of Portland.

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