

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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Chapter 141.

RESOLVES for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners to settle the claims between certain individuals and the State.

Justices of Dis.
Courts,
Commissioners.

Governor and
Council to fill
vacancies.

Persons indebted
for lands pur-
chased of State
and their as-
signees since
Jan. 1, 1834, to
apply to Com-
missioners for
relief, within a
year.

Com's to exam-
ine claims—

—report to Land
Agent terms of
adjustment—

—may direct
costs paid—

—before award
is executed by
Land Agent.

Applicant to file
brief statement
of case with L'd
Agent.

Land Agent to
furnish Coms.
and Att'y Gen'l
with copies.

Evidence, &c. to
be deposited in
Land office.

Resolved, That the Justices of the District Courts in this State be appointed Commissioners, and in the event of a vacancy in the board from any cause, the Governor with the advice and consent of Council, shall forthwith proceed to fill the same, whose duty it shall be, on application, made within one year from the passage of these Resolves, of any person indebted to the State for the purchase of lands sold since the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, or who have become assignee to any such purchaser and having an equitable claim against the State, praying to be relieved from the payment of notes due to the State, and from obligations to perform certain settling duties, either wholly or in part, and asking for a conveyance of the land originally contracted to be sold, either wholly or in part; to proceed and hear and examine on oath or affirmation every question, and all facts relative to said applications, and said Commissioners are hereby empowered, after a full hearing and examination of such cases, to make a written report to the Land Agent, directing him to settle and adjust said claims in such way and manner and upon such terms, as to them shall seem equitable, just and expedient; and said Commissioners may further direct such costs to be paid by said applicants, on account of expenses incurred by the State, as to them shall seem reasonable and proper, to be paid before the execution by the Land Agent of the award.

Resolved, That each applicant shall make out and file with the Land Agent, as soon as may be, brief statements of his case, one copy of which shall be forwarded by the Land Agent to each of the Commissioners, and one to the Attorney General.

Resolved, That all documents and written evidence produced before said Commissioners shall be deposited in the Land office.

Resolved, That the Land Agent be and he hereby is authorized, upon the report made to him in writing by said Commissioners, or a majority of them, to cancel and surrender any notes, securities or obligations in his hands, and to discharge mortgages, give releases and make and execute conveyances, in such way and manner, and upon such conditions only, as shall be prescribed in the report of said Commissioners.

Land Agent to perform award of Coms.

Resolved, That the Governor with the advice of Council, is hereby authorized to audit the accounts of said Commissioners, and to allow them such compensation for their services as to them shall appear reasonable and proper; and the Land Agent is hereby authorized to pay said Commissioners the amount due them, allowed as aforesaid by the Governor and Council.

Gov. & Council to audit accounts of Coms.

—fix their compensation.

Land Agent to pay same to Coms.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners shall give public notice of the time and place of their first meeting under this Resolve three months prior to said meeting, by publishing a notice thereof three weeks successively in the State newspaper, and in such other public newspapers, as they may think proper, and it is hereby made the duty of the Attorney General to procure evidence and to attend the meetings of said Commissioners and act in behalf of the State in all applications, that shall be laid before said board of Commissioners.

Commissioners to give notice of first meeting.

Atty Gen'l to appear in behalf of the State, procure evidence, &c.

[Approved March 31, 1841.]

Chapter 142.

RESOLVES for dividing the State into districts, for the choice of Senators, and for apportioning the Representatives among the several Counties, cities, towns, plantations, and classes, at the third apportionment.

Resolved, That from and after the passing of this Resolve, the State be, and hereby is divided into fourteen Districts for the choice of Senators, and each District shall be entitled to elect the number of Sena-

State divided into fourteen Senatorial Districts.