

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1849.

CHAP. 197.**Chapter 197.**

Resolve laying a tax on the counties of Cumberland, Waldo and Penobscot.

County taxes for
1850.

Resolved, That the sums annexed to the counties contained in the following schedule, are hereby granted as a tax for each county respectively, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, to be appropriated, assessed, collected and applied for the purpose of paying the debts and necessary expenses of the same and other purposes ordered by law, to wit :

Cumberland.
Waldo.
Penobscot.

Cumberland, fifteen thousand dollars ;
Waldo, eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ;
Penobscot, fourteen thousand dollars.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]

Chapter 198.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society.

Grant of half
township of
land.

Resolved, That there is hereby granted to the Maine Historical Society, to aid in the erection of a fire proof building, for the safe keeping and preservation of the papers, documents, records and other property of said society, and for the promotion of the general objects for which said society was formed, one half township of land, to be selected out of any lands belonging to this state, by the land agent under the direction of the governor and council ; and the land agent is hereby directed to execute a conveyance thereof to said society when the selection shall have been made as aforesaid.

Duty of land
agent.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]

Chapter 199.

Resolves providing for an amendment to the constitution, in relation to the meeting of the legislature.

Amendatory to
the constitution.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state shall be amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words, "the second Wednesday of May," and inserting instead thereof, the words, "the first Wednesday of January," and in article fourth, part second, sections third, fourth

and fifth ; article fourth, part third, section first ; article fifth, part first, sections second and third ; article fifth, part second, section second ; and article ninth, section fourth, by striking out in each of said sections the words, "the second Wednesday of May," and inserting instead thereof, the words, "the first Wednesday of January ;" and the provisions of the constitution shall be so amended that the period of service of the governor, senators, representatives, councilors, secretary of state, and treasurer, next to be elected, shall commence on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and continue until the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two ; and the period of the service of the present governor, senators, representatives, councilors, secretary of state and treasurer, shall continue until the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one ; and the next election of state officers, after September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be on the second Monday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Change of the session of the legislature.

Tenure of state officers.

Resolved, That the aldermen of the several cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve ; and the question shall be, "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature, providing that the annual meeting of the legislature shall be on the first Wednesday of January, instead of the second Wednesday of May, and that the period of service of the governor and other state officers next to be elected, shall commence on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, and continue until the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two ; and the period of service of the present governor and other state officers shall continue until the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one ; and shall the next election of state officers, after September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine be on the second Monday of September, in the year of our Lord one

Duty of aldermen, selectmen and assessors.

CHAP. 200. thousand eight hundred and fifty-one?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question; those in favor of said amendment, expressing it by the word "Yes," upon their ballots; and those opposed to said amendment expressing it by the word "No," upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists shall be made out of the votes, by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors and clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, and returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for senators, and the governor and council shall count the same; and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly. And it shall be the duty of the governor to notify each representative and senator elect, that the constitution is so amended; and that the next legislature will assemble on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one; and shall make general proclamation thereof, which shall be published in the paper of the printer to the state, three months successively next after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity to the resolves, accompanied with a copy of these resolves.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]

Chapter 200.

Resolve in favor of the Portland Athenæum.

Certain books to be deposited in the library of said Athenæum.

Proviso.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be authorized to deposit in the library of the Portland Athenæum one set of the acts and resolves of this state, and one set of the printed documents of the Legislature, so far as the same can conveniently be furnished from the volumes now in possession of the state; *provided*, the directors of the Athenæum shall give satisfactory security for the safe keeping of the same, and for the return of the volumes when required; and all expenses arising under this resolve shall be paid by the Athenæum.

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