

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1851.

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the returns of the number of scholars, for eighteen hundred and fifty, received at the office of the secretary of state, and including all such returns as may have been received prior to the fifteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one; subject however to the following conditions and exceptions; in any case where the returns are not subscribed and sworn to by one or more of the superintending school committee, or where the returns do not purport to state the whole number of persons between the ages of four and twenty-one years, or where no returns for eighteen hundred and fifty shall have been received by the secretary of state, prior to the said fifteenth day of May, in such cases the basis of apportionment shall be the same as that assumed for the same places last year; and in any plantation where a superintending school committee is not elected, the assessors or clerk of such plantation shall be authorized to make said returns, any thing in the act additional in relation to public schools, approved July thirty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to the contrary notwithstanding: *provided*, that in making the apportionment for towns that have been divided since they made their last returns, the treasurer be authorized to deduct from the number of scholars so many as have been received from the new town set off therefrom; and *provided further*, that the treasurer is directed to withhold the distribution of said fund from any place that shall have neglected to make said returns, prior to the fifteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, until said returns shall be made to the secretary of state; and provided further, that such payment shall be withheld in all cases where cities, towns and plantations have not paid their proportion of the state tax of eighteen hundred and fifty, or an amount thereof equal to the portion of the school fund which may be assigned to such city, town or plantation.

Exceptions.

Proviso.

Treasurer to withhold distribution in certain cases.

[Approved May 29, 1851.]

Chapter 347.

Resolves declaratory of an amendment to the constitution.

Resolved, The senate and house of representatives concurring, that whereas it appears, upon the examination of the report of the executive council, in relation to the resolves passed August twenty-first, eighteen hundred fifty, entitled "resolves providing for an amendment to the constitution in relation to

Amendment to constitution.

CHAP. 348. the meeting of the legislature," that a majority of the people voting on the question thereby submitted, is in favor of adopting said amendment; it is therefore declared, that the fifth section, article fourth, part first; the third, fourth and fifth sections, article fourth, part second; the first section, article fourth, part third; the second and third sections, article fifth, part first; the second section, article fifth, part second, and the fourth section, article ninth, of the constitution, are so far altered and amended as that the words, "the first Wednesday of January" are substituted for the words "second Wednesday of May," in each of said sections; and the provisions of the constitution are so far altered and amended as that the governor and other state officers elected for the political year commencing on the second Wednesday of May eighteen hundred fifty-one, shall hold their offices till the first Wednesday of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and there shall be no election of the same in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; and that said amendment has become part of the constitution of this state.

Amendment.

State officers,
tenure of office,
&c.

[Approved May 30, 1851.]

Chapter 348.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Briggs.

Thomas Briggs.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state to Thomas Briggs of Poland, a pension of fifty dollars a year for two years from July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, in consideration of an injury sustained while in the service of the state.

[Approved May 30, 1851.]

Chapter 349.

Resolve for the repair of the state house.

Room for use of
secretary's office.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the governor and council, for the finishing and furnishing a room in the basement, under the office of the secretary of state, for the use and accommodation of said office.

[Approved June 3, 1851.]