

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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1859.

PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

Chapter 122.

An act in relation to the state valuation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The assessors of each city, town and plantation in this state, for the current year, shall at the time provided by law for that purpose, make a true and accurate list of all the male polls of twenty-one years of age and upwards, resident in or belonging to said city, town or plantation, whether such persons are at home or abroad, distinguishing such as are exempted from taxation; and shall also make true and accurate lists of all ratable estates, both real and personal, (not exempt by law from paying state taxes,) lying or being within their several cities, towns or plantations, and all such estates or property of whatever kind, wherever situated or located, which is subject to be taxed in said cities, towns or plantations, and said assessors shall affix to said estates and property of whatever kind, enumerated and set forth in said lists, the full, fair cash value thereof.

Assessors to make lists of polls, also of taxable estates and fix cash value.

SECT. 2. The assessors of every city, town and plantation, shall submit to the full and free examination of the commissioners on state valuation, provided for by resolves of this legislature, at the time and place designated by said commissioners, all said lists of polls and valuation for this year, or such full and accurate abstracts thereof, as said commissioners shall require and direct; and shall also produce or cause to be produced before said commissioners, for their examination, at the time and place designated as aforesaid, the full original poll lists and valuation lists of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

— shall submit same, or abstracts, to commissioners on state valuation.

— like lists to be so produced for years 1857 and 1858.

SECT. 3. And the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall make out their valuation and tax lists of all taxable property in their several localities, at the full value thereof, as aforesaid, and before said lists thus prepared, shall be transmitted to the commissioners aforesaid, the said assessors shall make oath or affirmation to the facts as to the manner in which said tax and valuation lists were made up, and shall subscribe a certificate of said oath, upon said lists, duly attested, and if any assessors shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this act, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Valuation and tax lists for 1859.

— facts to be sworn to.

Penalty for neglect.

CHAP. 123. **SECT. 4.** This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 4, 1859]

Chapter 123.

An act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Notice to be given on petitions for special legislation. — how to be published.

SECT. 1. Petitions or propositions for any act of incorporation, or for the repeal, alteration, amendment or change of, or act additional to any act of incorporation, shall be published three weeks successively in some paper printed in the county where such corporation is proposed to be, or if existing, is located, in the month of December next preceding the session of the legislature to which the same is directed; and if no paper is published in such county, or if such corporation extends, or is to extend its operations into several counties, then such petition shall be also published as aforesaid, in the paper published by the printer to the state; and this section shall also apply to persons making application to be set off from one town to another, and to the division of towns and counties; and all petitions for private legislation shall be served upon the persons directly interested therein adversely to the petitioners, by giving such persons in hand or leaving at their last and usual place of abode, a true and attested copy of such petition, on or before the twentieth day of December aforesaid, and the same shall be served as aforesaid by any officer authorized to serve writs in civil actions. The affidavit of the printer on the back of such petitions and the return of the officer, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

Applicable to division of towns.

Notice to be given in hand, when and how served.

Evidence of service.

Notice not given, matter referred to next legislature.

Orders of notice, when returnable.

SECT. 2. Any petition or proposition aforesaid, presented in the senate or house of representatives, and not having thereon the evidence of notice prescribed in the first section of this act, shall be referred to the legislature holding its session next after that to which it is presented, and shall not be otherwise acted upon; and all orders of notice upon applications for private or special legislation, other than those mentioned as aforesaid, shall be made returnable to said next legislature.