

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

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portioned to their population and commensurate to the mighty interests which they have at stake.

Resolved, That in enunciating these principles the people of Maine are but reaffirming the views to which they have always adhered. They ask for no new interpretations of the constitution, but demand that it shall be construed and administered in the spirit in which it was formed. Attached to the Union by patriotic associations and the ties of commercial interest, the people of this state will be the last to adopt any course of action which will afford just cause for weakening or dissolving the bonds which unite them to their sister members of the confederacy.

[Approved April 4, 1859.]

Chapter 292.

Resolves to provide for a state valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized, with the advice and consent of the council, to appoint a commission, to consist of seven persons, one from each councilor district to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the state, with an enumeration of all the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for state purposes for the ensuing decade commencing with the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Commissioners,
appointment
of.
— how select-
ed.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus chosen may hold a session at the capitol in Augusta on the tenth day of October next, first giving public and sufficient notice of the time and place of said meeting requiring the assessors or some one of them of each city, town and plantation to appear personally with, or to transmit to them on said day their several tax and valuation lists, and lists of taxable polls 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, which lists shall be made out and verified under oath. And at any meeting of said board of commissioners, regularly and properly notified, a majority of the members thereof shall constitute a quorum, and said commissioners may appoint a chairman from their own number to preside over the sittings of the board, and also may choose a clerk, to keep a fair record of its proceedings.

Session of,
when and
where to be
holden.
— to give no-
tice.

Majority to
constitute a
quorum.
— may appoint
a chairman and
clerk.

Resolved, That if from any city, town or plantation no member of the board of assessors shall appear at the time and place fixed in

If assessors do
not appear, &c.

CHAP. 292. the public notice by the commissioners, or transmit the lists named in the preceding resolve, the said commissioners may, in their discretion, proceed to doom such city, town or plantation to the payment of such proportion and amount of the state tax as they shall deem just and equitable, both on the valuation and poll lists.

Commissioners to prepare lists of cities, towns, &c.

Resolved, That said board of commissioners shall prepare full and accurate lists of all the cities, towns and plantations wherein the valuation shall be equalized throughout the state, in such manner that taxation for state purposes founded thereon for the next decade, shall be just and equal as nearly as may be throughout the state. And said commissioners shall complete their lists of valuation on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty, and when completed they shall be forthwith delivered by the chairman of the commissioners to the state treasurer, who shall safely keep them, subject to the order of the next legislature.

— when to be completed.

Land agent to prepare and deliver to commissioners lists of all townships, &c.

Resolved, That the land agent be required to prepare and deliver to said board of commissioners, full and accurate lists of all townships, parts of townships, blocks, and lots of wild lands in the state which have been sold by the state, and which have not yet been included in the tax lists of the state; and the lists so prepared shall state the fair valuation of all lands described or stated therein. And these lists shall contain a statement of all lands which have been actually sold as aforesaid, whether deeds of conveyance have passed or not. Also a statement of all lands on which the timber has been sold or right to cut timber granted for any number of years, which right to cut timber, leases and all other interest therein shall be appraised at their just value.

— to state the fair valuation.

— to contain a statement of lands sold, &c.

First meeting.

Resolved, That the first meeting of the board of commissioners for purposes of organization, shall be held at the office of the state treasurer, at Augusta, on the tenth day of October, and notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be sent by mail by the treasurer to each of the commissioners at least one week before the day of meeting.

Compensation.

Resolved, That as a full compensation for services rendered in the execution of their duty, said commissioners and clerk shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the state two dollars per day each while actually engaged in the duties of the commission, and the same travel allowed to a representative. And the governor, after examination and approval by the council of the accounts of said commissioners and their clerk, for services and travel as aforesaid, shall be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer in payment of the same.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation the necessary blanks to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing resolves.

CHAP. 293.

Secretary of state to prepare and furnish blanks.

[Approved April 4, 1859.]

PAY ROLL of the members and officers of the house of representatives of the thirty-eighth legislature, at the session held at Augusta, commencing on the fifth day of January and ending on the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN.

Districts.	Names.	Miles travel.	Days attendance.	Amount of travel and attendance.
Auburn,	J. F. Cobb,	65 90		\$193 00
Greene,	Silas Sprague,	25 90		185 00
Lewiston,	Alcander Burbank,	75 90		195 00
Minot,	Joseph Bucknam,	80 90		196 00
Poland,	Charles F. Jordan,	85 90		197 00
				\$966 00

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Moluncus,	Joseph Libby,	150 90		210 00
Presque Isle,	David Foster,	240 90		228 00
Van Buren,	Paul Cyr,	300 90		240 00
				\$678 00

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Brunswick,	Joseph C. Given,	40 90		188 00
Freeport,	Ebenezer Wells,	45 90		189 00
Gorham,	Frederick Robie,	80 90		196 00
Harrison,	Samuel Thomes,	100 90		200 00
Portland,	Joshua Dunn,	60 90		192 00
	Moses Butler,	60 90		192 00
	Neal Dow,	60 90		192 00
Pownal,	David T. Libby,	55 90		191 00
Naples,	Samuel F. Perley,	95 90		199 00
New Gloucester,	George Blake,	70 90		194 00
Windham,	Seward M. Baker,	80 90		196 00
Bridgton,	Benjamin Walker,	100 90		200 00
Cape Elizabeth,	Elihu Hasty,	70 90		194 00
Falmouth,	William Prince,	65 90		193 00
Gray,	Jacob Clark,	80 90		196 00