

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1875.

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Taxation.

Section eight of article nine shall be amended, by inserting after the word "real," the words 'and personal,' so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 8, art. 9,
amendment of.

'Section 8. All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed by authority of this state, shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the just value thereof.'

Taxes, assessment
of.

Said article shall be further amended by adding the following :

Taxation, power
of, not to be sur-
rendered.

'Section 9. The legislature shall never, in any manner, suspend or surrender the power of taxation.'

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 92.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to appointment of judges of municipal and police courts.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Amendment of
the constitution.

Appointment of judges of municipal and police courts.

The constitution shall be amended by striking out section eight of article six, and inserting the following :

Section 8. Judges of municipal and police courts shall be appointed by the executive power, in the same manner as other judicial officers, and shall hold their offices for the term of four years; *provided however*, that the present incumbents shall hold their offices for the term for which they were elected.

Judges of muni-
cipal and police
courts, how
appointed.

—term of office.

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 93.

Resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution of Maine, relating to power of governor to pardon.

Resolved, That the following amendment of the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Amendment of
the constitution.

Power of governor to pardon.

Article five, part first, section eleven, shall be amended, by striking out of said section all after the word "reprieves," and by adding thereto the following: 'Commutations and pardons,

Art. 5, part 1, sec.
11, amendment of

CHAP. 94.

Governor may grant pardons, &c.

--shall communicate facts to the legislature.

except in cases of impeachment, upon such conditions, and with such restrictions and limitations, as may be deemed proper, subject to such regulations as may be provided by law, relative to the manner of applying for pardons. And he shall communicate to the legislature, at each session thereof, each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted, stating the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the sentence and its date, the date of the reprieve, remission, commutation, or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.'

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 94.

Resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution of Maine, relating to abolishing land agency.

Amendment of the constitution.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Abolishing land agency.

Land agency, to abolish.

Section ten of article nine of the amendments, is hereby amended, by striking out the words "land agent and."

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 95.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to codification of amended constitution.

Amendment of the constitution.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Codification of the amended constitution.

Article 10. Section six of article ten, shall be amended, by striking out the same, and inserting instead thereof, the following :

Amendments of constitution shall be arranged by chief justice of S. J. C.

Section 6. After the amendments proposed herewith shall have been submitted to popular vote, the chief justice of the supreme judicial court shall arrange the constitution, as amended, under appropriate titles and in proper articles, parts and sections omitting all sections, clauses and words not in force, and making no other changes in the provisions or language thereof, and shall

--shall be submitted to the legislature.