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RESOLVES

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Chapter 163.

Resolve, Appointing a Committee to Revise, Collate, Arrange and Consolidate the Collateral Inheritance Tax and Probate Laws of the State of Maine.

Sec. 1. Committee to be appointed to revise and collate inheritance tax and probate laws; how appointed and duties of. Resolved: That, within sixty days after this resolve shall take effect, a committee of the legislature be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the council, consisting of one member of the senate and two members of the house of representatives, whose duty it shall be to revise, collate, arrange and consolidate all the general and public laws now in force, and such as shall be enacted at the present session of the legislature, which relate to the assessment and collection of inheritance taxes; also all laws relating to the powers and duties of probate courts, executors and administrators, and the succession of estates, which are now in force, or such as shall be enacted by the present session of the legislature, preserving and retaining the phraseology thereof, except so far as may be necessary to vary it by incorporating the existing laws therewith; and such laws thus revised, collated, arranged, consolidated as aforesaid shall be embodied in a report which shall be made to the next legislature, together with suggestions for amendments thereof and additions thereto and such recommendations for new legislation which the committee deems advisable; and the committee shall also embody in its report such contradictions, omissions, repetitions and imperfections as appear in the laws relating to the subjects above mentioned, and the manner in which the same may be best reconciled, supplied, amended and corrected.

Sec. 2. Committee to hold meetings in each county, powers of. The said committee immediately upon being appointed and qualified, shall make arrangements to hold at least one meeting in each county, either at the county seat or at the place or places where the probate courts are now held for the purpose of receiving testimony and recommendations from the judges and registers of the various probate courts. The committee is also hereby authorized to summon any other witnesses which it, in its judgment, may deem necessary to promote the objects for which said committee is appointed. The committee may also employ such clerks and stenographers as may be necessary for the purpose of assisting it in its work.

Sec. 3. Compensation, how fixed. The governor and council is hereby authorized to fix the compensation of the members of said committee, at a rate not exceeding ten dollars a day when actually engaged upon the work provided herein. Actual traveling expenses of the members of the committee and its employees shall be paid upon proper vouchers therefor. The committee may recommend to the governor and council suitable compensation to be paid to its clerks and stenographers.

Approved April 4, 1919.