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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

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## Chapter 128

### AN ACT for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, all taxes upon real and personal property in this state are assessed as of April 1, and in the greater portion of the municipalities the assessments are completed during the months of April and May in each year; and

Whereas, it is necessary that the warrants for state taxes shall be transmitted by the treasurer of state to the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations as soon after April 1 as practicable in order that the taxes may be assessed promptly so that the cities, towns and plantations may receive sufficient revenue for current expenses; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Sec. 1. State tax, 1953 and 1954.** For necessary expenses of state and local government, a tax is hereby assessed for the year 1953 and the year 1954 upon each city, town, plantation, township and each lot and parcel of land not included in any township in the state.

**Sec. 2. Rate; basis of valuation.** The rate of said tax is hereby fixed at  $7\frac{1}{4}$  mills on the dollar and 1¢ for each taxable poll to provide for appropriations made by the legislature for necessary expenses of state and local government.

The valuation as determined by the board of equalization, as set forth in the statement filed by said board as provided by section 65 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1944, as amended, shall be the basis for the computation and apportionment of the tax hereby assessed.

**Sec. 3. Tax lists to be filed with treasurer.** As soon as practicable after April 1, 1953, and on April 1, 1954, the state tax assessor shall file with the treasurer of state lists of the taxes provided by the preceding sections.

**Sec. 4. Tax warrant of treasurer of state.** The treasurer of state shall as soon as practicable after April 1, 1953, and in the month of April, 1954, send his warrant with a copy of the lists named in the preceding section directed to the mayor and aldermen, selectmen or assessors of each city, town or plantation, taxed as aforesaid, requiring them respectively to assess, in dollars and cents, the sum so charged, according to the provisions of the law for the assessment of taxes and add the amount of such tax to the amount of county and town taxes, to be by them assessed in each city, town, plantation or other place respectively.

**Sec. 5. Distribution of state tax to municipalities and apportionment thereof.** The treasurer of state, in his said warrants, shall require the said mayor and aldermen, selectmen or assessors, respectively, to pay or to issue their several warrants requiring the collectors of their several cities, towns and plantations to collect and pay to the treasurers of their respective cities, towns and plantations the sums against said cities, towns and plantations required by this act.

The sum so collected in each city, town or plantation shall be paid when collected to the treasurer thereof to be by him disbursed for necessary expenses of local government as determined or appropriated by the legislative body of such city, town or plantation for the public welfare within the purposes specified in chapter 80 of the revised statutes, which chapter sets forth those purposes for the public welfare for which municipalities are themselves authorized to raise money by taxation.

The sum so collected from each township and each lot or parcel of land not included in any township in the state which is assessed for school and highway purposes shall be credited to such purposes in an amount not to exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the amount assessed for school and highway purposes; and such credit may be anticipated by the state tax assessor when preparing the statements referred to in section 77 of chapter 14.

**Sec. 6. Payment of tax in towns whose charters are surrendered.** When the charter of any municipality listed in the statement filed with the secretary of state by the board of equalization under the provisions of section 65 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1944 is subsequently surrendered by act of the legislature, the tax hereby assessed shall be an outstanding obligation of such municipality, and it shall be paid, and funds for payment thereof shall be raised by the state tax assessor in the same manner as provided by law in the case of other outstanding obligations of such municipality.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 1, 1953

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## Chapter 129

### AN ACT to Change the Name of Portland University Extension Courses, Inc. and to Grant It Certain Powers.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Sec. 1. Corporate powers.** The incorporators and directors and their associates and successors of Portland University Extension Courses, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under chapter 70 of the revised statutes of 1930, now chapter 50 of the revised statutes of 1944; are continued and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of Portland Junior College, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to have perpetual succession; to acquire, take by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, encumber and convey such real and personal estate as shall be required for the purpose of its incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure. Said corporation is empowered to continue to maintain within the state of Maine a college for the promotion of education; is empowered to grant and confer diplomas and associate degrees and is given such other powers as may be necessary fully to carry out and exercise the purposes of said corporation as herein appearing.

**Sec. 2. Property.** All property, property rights and contractual rights heretofore held by said corporation and all obligations of said corporation shall continue hereunder and may be held, conveyed, encumbered, sued and subject to suit and in all other respects exercised in the name Portland University Extension Courses, Inc. or in the name Portland Junior College.

**Sec. 3. Directors; by-laws.** The directors of Portland Junior College, with a quorum sufficient to do business, are authorized to fill vacancies in their number, to appoint such officers and agents as the business of the college shall require, and to make by-laws for accomplishment of its purposes in the management of its property and regulation of its affairs.

Effective August 8, 1953