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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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or decision based upon an erroneous ruling or finding of law. An appeal may be taken to the law court as in any civil action.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$1,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
LABOR AND INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	\$500	\$1,000

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

Effective February 9, 1970

Chapter 579

AN ACT Relating to Property Tax Administration.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 36, § 202, repealed and replaced. Section 202 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 202. Training and certification of assessors

1. Training of assessors.

A. The State Tax Assessor shall establish a program of training to meet the needs of the State of Maine for a sufficient supply of completely trained assessors. The State Tax Assessor may designate what programs, either within or outside the State, are acceptable for these training purposes.

B. Municipalities may expend funds for educational and training activities, including reimbursement for travel, meals and lodging. In addition, municipal officers may authorize leaves of absence with pay for such training purposes.

2. Certification of assessors. Beginning July 1, 1971, the Bureau of Taxation shall hold qualifying examinations for assessors at least twice each year.

Such additional examinations may be held as the State Tax Assessor deems necessary.

The State Tax Assessor shall determine the content and type of examination.

The examination shall, among other things, test the applicant's knowledge of applicable law and techniques of assessing.

The State Tax Assessor shall determine what level of attainment on the examinations shall constitute a passing of the test. If more than one type of examination is utilized the various portions of the examination may be weighted and if only one examination is used various portions of it may be weighted.

3. Classes of certification. The State Tax Assessor may establish 2 classes of certification if he deems it desirable.

The State Tax Assessor may issue provisional certificates to permit persons to complete basic training requirements while on the job. Such provisional certificates shall be limited to one year, renewable annually for a maximum of 3 years. A provisional certificate does not constitute a certificate of eligibility.

The State Tax Assessor shall issue a certificate of eligibility to any applicant who has demonstrated through appropriate examination that he is qualified to perform the assessing function. Certificates of eligibility shall remain in force for 5 years but may be extended from time to time without further examination at the discretion of the State Tax Assessor if the certificate holder is employed as municipal assessor.

Any certificate issued by the State Tax Assessor may for cause be revoked after hearing. In revoking a certificate, the State Tax Assessor shall give the certificate holder 30 days' written notice of the time and place of the hearing and of the reasons therefor.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 36, § 203, repealed. Section 203 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 36, § 706, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 706 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

~~The notice to residents may be given by posting notifications in some public place in the municipality or in such other way as the municipality directs.~~

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 36, § 706, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 706 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The notice to ~~nonresident~~ owners may be by mail directed to the last known address of the taxpayer or by any other method that provides reasonable notice to the taxpayer.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 36, § 706, amended. Section 706 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

If the assessors fail to give the notice required herein the taxpayer is not barred of his right to make application for abatement, provided that upon demand the taxpayer shall answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of his property liable to be taxed in the State; and a refusal or neglect to answer such inquiries and subscribe the same bars an appeal, but such list and answers shall not be conclusive upon the assessors.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Taxation the sum of \$15,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1970-71

BUREAU OF TAXATION

Personal Services	(2)	\$ 7,000
All Other		6,500
Capital Expenditures		2,000
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		\$15,500

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 580

AN ACT Increasing Salaries of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court and Judges of the District Court.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 4, amended. The first sentence of section 4 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall each receive an annual salary of ~~\$20,000~~ \$21,250, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$21,500~~ \$22,750.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, § 102, amended. The first sentence of section 102 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Each of the Justices of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$19,500~~ \$21,000.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 4, § 157, amended. The 4th sentence of section 157 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Each judge shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$15,000~~ \$16,000 and the Chief Judge shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$16,000~~ \$17,000.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$43,703 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS		
Personal Services	—	\$24,000