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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Walsh of Brunswick.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Creating a Board of Assessment Review for Town of Brunswick.**

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

**Sec. 1. Board of assessment review.** There shall be a board of assessment review for the town of Brunswick to consist of 5 members, none of whom shall be elected public officials, who shall be appointed by the selectmen of the town of Brunswick for a term of 2 years, except that of those first appointed, 3 shall be for a term of 2 years and 2 for a term of 1 year. If a member of such board shall cease to be a resident of Brunswick, his office shall thereby become vacant. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled by appointment by the selectmen for the unexpired term. Compensation, if any, to such members shall be determined by the town selectmen.

**Sec. 2. Powers and duties.** The board of assessment review shall have power to:

- I. Review, on complaint of property owners, and revise assessments for the purpose of taxation of real and personal property within the town made by the town assessors or assessors;
- II. Administer oaths;
- III. Hold hearings;
- IV. Take testimony;
- V. Adopt regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review.

**Sec. 3. Organization.** Such board shall annually choose from its membership a chairman and a secretary, except that in lieu of one of the members of the board serving as secretary, the town selectmen may authorize the board to appoint either a full-time or part-time nonmember secretary and to fix his compensation. The board shall be required to keep an accurate record of all of its proceedings, which shall be available for public inspection.

**Sec. 4. Public hearings on complaints.** The selectmen of the town of Brunswick shall by ordinance establish times during which such board of assessment review shall be in session for the hearings of complaints of any person in relation to the assessment roll. Such complaints shall be in writing and shall be directed to the board of assessment review.

**Sec. 5. Appeal to courts.** Appeal from the determination of the board of assessment review may be taken to a court of competent jurisdiction not later than 30 days after certification to the town assessor.