

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 96.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT to prevent illegal voting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Any person whose right to vote at any
2 election held in this state may be challenged, shall
3 make oath on affirmation to the qualifications re-
4 quired to make him a legal voter ; and after a hear-
5 ing by the officer or officers presiding at said election,
6 or in committee appointed by such officer or officers,
7 if his right to vote is still challenged, he shall deposit
8 his vote in a sealed envelope with his name written on
9 the outside thereof ; and said envelope shall not be
10 opened nor said vote counted until objections are with-
11 drawn or his right to vote is established to the satis-
12 faction of the governor and council.

SECT. 2. Any officer or officers presiding at any
2 election who shall neglect to carry out the provisions
3 of this act shall be subject to the penalties provided
4 in section fifty-one of chapter four of the revised
5 statutes.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1877. }

Reported from the Committee on Federal Relations, by Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset,
and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*