

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 85.

[NEW DRAFT.]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-five and twenty-seven of chapter four of the Revised Statutes relating to Elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-five of chapter four 2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as 3 to read as follows:

'SECT. 25. The officers presiding at any election 5 shall use the check list herein required at the 6 polls during the election of any such officers, and 7 use but one ballot box, to be furnished at the ex- 8 pense of the town; and no votes shall be received 9 unless delivered by the voter in person after he 10 has audibly announced his name to the presiding

11 officers, unless physically unable to do so, and they
12 have had opportunity to be satisfied of his identity
13 and find his name on the list and mark it, and as-
14 certain that his vote is single; but whenever a
15 constitutional amendment is submitted to the peo-
16 ple for adoption, a separate ballot box shall be
17 provided at every poll or voting place, into which
18 the ballots or votes for or against such proposed
19 amendment shall be deposited separately from all
20 other ballots or votes, and into which each voter
21 desiring to vote upon the amendment submitted,
22 must deposit his ballot at the same time he deposits
23 his ballot for officers to be chosen on that day, if
24 any, and he desires to vote therefor.'

SECT. 2. Section twenty-seven of chapter four
2 is amended so as to read as follows:

'SECT. 27. Ballot boxes used at elections shall
4 be covered at the top with a slide only, which shall
5 be kept shut, except when opened to receive a
6 ballot; but such boxes may contain mechanical
7 devices which tend to prevent fraud in elections
8 and do not materially abridge the rights of voters,
9 and if the presiding officers do not comply with
10 the requirements of this chapter, or attempt to
11 evade the same, they shall be subject to the pen-
12 alties provided in section fifty-nine.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 18, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. RAY, from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*