

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. 1129**

**H. D. No. 375**

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House of Representatives, Mar. 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Spear of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relative to the Filling of Vacancies in the Office of  
United States Senator.

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

Chapter six, section twenty-three of the revised statutes,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 23. Upon a vacancy in the office of United States  
2 senator, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term  
3 at the following biennial state election provided said vacancy  
4 occurs not less than sixty days prior to the date of the pri-  
5 maries for nominating candidates to be voted for at such  
6 election, otherwise at the biennial state election next fol-

7 lowing. Pending such election the governor shall make a  
8 temporary appointment to fill the vacancy, and the person  
9 so appointed shall serve until the election and qualification  
10 of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy. In case a  
11 vacancy occurs in any other office which is to be filled at  
12 the next biennial state election, for which no nomination  
13 has been made at the primary election held on the third  
14 Monday in June of the same year, a special primary elec-  
15 tion shall be ordered by proclamation of the governor, at  
16 such date as he deems best, conforming as near as may be  
17 practicable to the provisions of this chapter, but in that event  
18 the governor in said proclamation shall fix the time within  
19 which nomination papers shall be filed and the time for  
20 transmitting to town clerks lists of candidates proposed for  
21 nomination and the time within which and when the returns  
22 shall be received and the result declared. If the time is in-  
23 sufficient therefor, said nomination may be supplied in the  
24 manner provided in section twenty-two. Candidates so  
25 chosen shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter  
26 regulating acceptances and returns by candidates for United  
27 States senator.'