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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 351

S. P. 349

In Senate, Feb. 5, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Littlefield of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Standard Time.

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

Section 1. Section eight of chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line of said section the words "based on the mean astronomical time of the seventy-fifth degree of longitude west from Greenwich," and substituting in place thereof the words 'that which is'; and by striking out in the fourth line of said section the words "Standard Eastern" and substituting in place thereof the words 'Eastern Standard'; and by inserting in the last line of said section after the word "municipality" the following words: 'or group of citizens', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. Standard time defined; establishing other system of time prohibited. Within the state of Maine, the standard time shall be that which is known and designated by the federal statute as "United States Eastern Standard Time." It shall be unlawful for any town or other municipality or group of citizens to vote for, or otherwise establish, any other system of time.'

Sect. 2. Section nine of chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the last line of said sec-

tion the words "Standard Eastern" and substituting in place thereof the words 'Eastern Standard', so that the last line of said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Standard Eastern" changed to 'Eastern Standard,' 'said time known and designated as United States Eastern Standard Time.'

Sect. 3. Section ten of chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line of said section the word "may" and substituting in place thereof the word 'shall'; and by inserting in the second line after the word "city" the words 'or by any group of citizens'; and by striking out in the fourth line of said section the word "may" and substituting in place thereof the word 'shall', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. Jurisdiction of courts; procedure. The supreme judicial court in equity or the superior court in equity, by writ of injunction or otherwise, shall restrain or annul the establishment of any system of time by any town or city or by any group of citizens in violation of the two preceding sections upon application of ten or more taxable citizens of the state, and a writ of temporary injunction shall issue forthwith without the filing of a bond by such petitioners.'

Sect. 4. Chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section nine of said chapter two new sections to be numbered nine A and nine B, said sections to read as follows:

'Sect. 9A. Opening time of schools regulated. No school shall begin its classes before the hour of eight in the morning by United States Eastern Standard Time.'

'Sect. 9B. Clocks to display only United States Eastern Standard Time. No person, firm or corporation shall permit any clock that is displayed in a public place to indicate any other time than that commonly known as United States Eastern Standard Time.'