

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1493

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Towns and sent up for concurrence. 600 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fickett of Naples.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Officers Chosen by Ballot.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘**Sec. 14. Officers chosen by ballot.** Moderator, town clerk, selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, treasurer, ~~auditor, and~~ school committee **and road commissioner**, shall be elected by ballot, and the other said officers may be elected by ballot, or if not so elected, **by ballot**, they shall be appointed by the selectmen.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 16, amended.** Section 16 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

‘**Sec. 16. Road commissioners, elected by town; how removed.** Each town shall hereafter at its annual meeting, elect by majority vote, a road commissioner, who shall hold his office for the term of 1 year, from the date of his election, except further, that any town may at its option, by vote at such meeting, pursuant to an appropriate article in the warrant, calling the same, fix the term of office of said road commissioner at a longer period, not to exceed 3 years. Any town may elect not more than 3 road commis-

sioners, whose powers and duties shall be the same as prescribed for a single commissioner. Selectmen shall not act as road commissioners.

Upon written complaint made against any road commissioner, by 25 taxable inhabitants of the town, the county commissioners, after notice to such commissioner, shall hold a public hearing thereon, within 10 days from filing such complaint, and if the charges are sustained, remove said commissioner forthwith. This section shall not apply to cities and towns which choose road commissioners under special acts of the legislature.'