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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1847.

CHAP. 23.

Chapter 23.

An act respecting the election of certain officers.

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

Election of certain officers by plurality—result of ballots how ascertained.

SECT. 1. In order to determine the result of any election to office of representatives to congress, registers of deeds, and county and state officers, where a different rule is not prescribed in the constitution of the state, the number of persons who voted at such election shall first be ascertained by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, excepting blank pieces of paper, and votes for persons not eligible to the office ; and the person or persons, not exceeding the number to be voted for at any one time for any office, having the highest number of votes at such election, shall be declared elected. And in case the candidates for any office at such election receive an equal number of votes, and exceed the number of officers to be voted for at any one time, the candidates having such equal number of votes shall be deemed and declared not elected.

Returns.

SECT. 2. In all returns of elections required by law to be made, the whole number of ballots shall be distinctly stated, including blank pieces of paper and votes for persons not eligible to the office for which they shall receive votes.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved July 31, 1847.]

Chapter 24.

An act to exempt certain towns in the county of Waldo from the act establishing town courts.

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

North Haven and Vinalhaven.

Powers of justice peace of said towns.

SECT. 1. The towns of Islesborough, North Haven and Vinalhaven, in the county of Waldo, shall be exempt from the act establishing town courts in said county ; and the justices of the peace of said towns, shall have the same powers as the justices of the peace of other counties.

SECT. 2. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved July 31, 1847.]