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STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 198

### AN ACT Providing for the Election of a Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Annual meetings; auditor may be chosen; treasurers and collectors not to be selectmen or assessors; may be same person. Annual town meetings shall be held in March, and the voters shall then choose, by a majority vote, a clerk, 3, 5 or 7 inhabitants of the town to be selectmen and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not chosen, 3 or more assessors, 2 or more fence viewers, a treasurer, surveyors of lumber, sealers of leather, measurers of wood and bark, constables, collectors of taxes, and other usual town officers; and if  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the voters present are in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a majority vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be sworn. Before entering upon the discharge of their official duties, selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor elected in any town, and assessors elected in any plantation, shall organize by electing by ballot one of their members to be chairman. In the event that no one of the members receives a majority of the votes cast for chairman, the town or plantation clerk shall determine by lot the member who shall be chairman. Provided, however, that towns and plantations may in electing any such officials, designate them as 1st, 2nd, and so on to the number to be elected and in such towns and plantations the person or persons elected as 1st selectman, 1st assessor and 1st overseer of the poor shall be chairman of said respective boards. In towns of over 4000 inhabitants the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any of the above mentioned offices shall be deemed elected to such offices. Treasurers and collectors of towns shall not be selectmen or assessors, until they have completed their duties as treasurers and collectors and had a final settlement with the town. The treasurer and collector of taxes of cities and towns may be one and the same person.'

Approved April 10, 1939.