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13th Legislature.

No. 23.

House of Reps.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE.

AN ACT additional to An Act regulating Elections.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and 2 House of Representatives, in Legislature as-3 sembled, That, if the qualified electors of any 4 town, at the annual meeting in September, 5 shall not succeed in making choice of the Repre-6 sentative or Representatives, to which said town 7 may be entitled, the said meeting shall be ad-8 journed by the Selectmen, to the Monday then 9 next ensuing. And if, at said adjourned meet10 ing, the said choice shall not be effected, the11 meeting shall be further adjourned to the next12 ensuing Monday; and so onward, from Monday13 to Monday, until the choice be effected.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That, if the 2 Selectmen, or a majority of them, shall be ab-3 sent from any such meeting, or, being present, 4 shall neglect or refuse to do and perform the 5 duties to them appertaining, in relation to any 6 such election, it shall be lawful for the legal 7 voters, assembled at such meeting, to make 8 choice of so many Selectmen, pro tempore, as 9 shall be necessary to supply the places of those 10 absent, or neglecting and refusing to perform 11 their duties. And said Selectmen, pro tempore, 12 shall be sworn faithfully to discharge the duties 13 of Selectmen, in all things pertaining to said 14 election; and, being sworn as aforesaid, shall, 15 in all things relative to said election, have and 16 exercise all the rights, and be subject to all the 17 duties and liabilities, of the standing Selectmen 18 of the town.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That, if the 2 Selectmen of any town, or either of them, shall 3 wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any of the 4 duties, relative to any such election, he or they, 5 so offending, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit 6 and pay, to the use of the State, a penalty, not 7 less than one hundred dollars nor more than five 8 hundred dollars, and suffer imprisonment for a 9 term not less than three months nor more than 10 nine months; or either of said punishments, ac-11 cording to the aggravation of the offence.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That all 2 Acts and parts of Acts, inconsistent with the 3 provisions of this Act, be and the same are 4 hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, February 12, 1833.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the foregoing Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest:

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, Clerk.

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