

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 5.

SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the removal of the Seat of Govern-
ment from Augusta to Portland.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and
2 House of Representatives in Legislature as-
3 sembled, That on and after the ——— day
4 of ——— the Seat of Government shall be
5 removed from Augusta, and established at Port-
6 land, in the County of Cumberland.*

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted, That all
2 Laws and Resolves inconsistent with the pro-
3 visions of this act, be and the same are hereby
4 repealed.*

AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE.

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following.

That the several towns, cities and plantations
2 in this State, at their annual meetings in the
3 months of March and April next ensuing, held
4 for the choice of officers and other purposes,
5 shall give in their votes on the following ques-
6 tion—"Is it expedient that the seat of Govern-
7 ment be removed from Augusta, and established
8 at Portland?" And the Selectmen of towns,
9 Aldermen of cities and Assessors of plantations
10 shall receive, sort and count the votes, and
11 make record thereof, and the same shall be cer-
12 tified and sealed in the same way that votes for
13 Governor and Senators are certified and sealed,
14 and transmitted to the Secretary of State with-
15 in thirty days thereafter. And the Governor
16 and Council shall open and count the same ;
17 and if it shall thereupon appear that a majority
18 of the votes given in are in favor of such remo-
19 val, then and in such case, and provided satis-
20 factory assurance is given to the Governor, on
21 or before the fifth day of June next ensuing, that
22 suitable and convenient accommodations shall

23 be furnished at Portland for the Legislative and
24 Executive officers free of expense to the State,
25 the Governor shall issue his proclamation that
26 the Seat of Government is established at Port-
27 land, and the next ensuing Legislature is to be
28 convened there for the transaction of business,
29 at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the
2 Secretary of State shall cause this act to be
3 published in all the newspapers, printed in this
4 State, for one month previous to the first day of
5 March next; and also cause copies thereof, with
6 suitable form of return to be transmitted to the
7 several cities, towns, and plantations, by their
8 Representatives, or otherwise, seasonably.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 19, 1837.

This bill was read once and ordered to lie on the table till tomorrow, eleven o'clock, and 300 copies of the same, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from Journal.]

Attest, WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Sec.*