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SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 42.

SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to the several Acts in force regulating Elections.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate 2 and House of Representatives, in Legislature 3 assembled, That it shall be lawful for, and 4 hereby is made the duty of the Selectmen of 5 towns and Assessors of plantations, in this State, 6 having more than five thousand inhabitants, to 7 receive evidence of the qualification of voters 8 and to add the names of such as they judge to 9 be qualified, to the list of voters, at any time 10 during the day of any election, in their respec11 tive towns and plantations, any thing in the12 several Acts to which this is additional to the13 contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That in 2 addition to the duty required by law to be per-3 formed by the Aldermen of cities, in relation to 4 correcting the list of voters, it shall be and hereby 5 is made their duty, on all days of election in their 6 respective cities, to be in session from nine o'clock 7 in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon, at 8 some central and convenient place therein, of 9 which notice shall be given in the warrant call-10 ing the meeting, for the purpose of receiving 11 evidence of the qualification of voters, whose 12 names have not been entered upon the ward 13 lists; and on satisfactory evidence being produced 14 by any inhabitant that he is gualified to vote, 15 and that his name is not borne upon the list of 16 the ward in which he resides, it shall be the 17 duty of said Aldermen to make out and deliver 18 to such inhabitant a certificate, directed to the 19 warden of the ward in which said inhabitant 20 has a right to vote, certifying that such person 21 has such right, and directing said warden to

22 enter the name of such person upon his ward 23 list; and upon receiving such certificate it shall 24 be the duty of such warden to add the name of 25 such person to his said list, and permit such 26 inhabitant to vote in the same manner as if his 27 name had been previously placed upon said list.

SECT. 3. Be it [further] enacted, That for 2 the purposes of performing the duties required 3 by the second section of this Act any number 4 of Aldermen, not less than three, shall be con-5 sidered a quorum: And all Acts and parts of 6 Acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this 7 Act, be, and the same hereby are repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 20, 1837.

This Bill was read once, and ordered that 500 copies of the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest,

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.