

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1841.

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

NO. 13.

SENATE.

AN ACT

TO PREVENT

BETTING OR WAGERING

ON

ELECTIONS.

SEVERANCE & DORR,.....Printers to the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to prevent betting or wagering on Elections.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House*
2 *of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That
3 any person or persons, who shall bet or wager any
4 sum or sums of money upon any election, or event
5 of any election of President of the United States,
6 or Governor of this State, or any member of Con-
7 gress, or of any man to any office, shall forfeit a
8 sum or sums equal to the sum or sums that he or
9 they shall so bet or wager to the use of the city,
10 town, or plantation in which the person or persons
11 so betting or wagering shall reside, at the time of
12 such betting or wagering, to be recovered by action
13 of debt in any court competent to try the same.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if any
2 person or persons shall after the passage of this act
3 receive any sum or sums of money upon any bet or
4 wagering aforesaid, he or they so receiving shall
5 be liable to pay to the person or persons losing the

6 same the amount so received, to be recovered by
7 action of debt in any court competent to try the
8 same, with interest from the time the money was
9 so received.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be
2 the duty of the Mayors of the several cities and the
3 Treasurers of the several towns and plantations in
4 this State, to sue for and recover any sum or sums
5 of money which may be forfeited by the first sec-
6 tion of this act, in their respective cities, towns and
7 plantations.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That any person
2 or persons who shall bet or wager upon any elec-
3 tions named in the first section of this act, any
4 goods, chattels, or personal estate of any kind, shall
5 forfeit the same to the use of the city, town, or plan-
6 tation where he or they may reside at the time of
7 betting or wagering, and the Mayors of the sever-
8 al cities, and the Treasurers of the several towns
9 and plantations respectively, are empowered and
10 required to demand and sue for by action of trover,
11 any personal chattel that may be so forfeited, in
12 their respective cities, towns, and plantations.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That all deeds
2 or other instruments by which any real estate shall
3 hereafter be conveyed for, on account of, or by rea-
4 son of, or in fulfilment of, or in compliance with,
5 any betting or wagering upon any election mention-

6 ed in the first section of this act, shall be void and
7 of no effect, and the person or persons so convey-
8 ing shall be liable to pay to the Mayor of the city
9 or to the Treasurer of the town or plantation where
10 he or they shall reside at the time of so conveying,
11 to the use of said city, town, or plantation, a sum
12 equal to the value of such real estate so conveyed,
13 which sum shall be sued for and recovered in the
14 same manner as is provided by the third section of
15 this Act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 20, 1841.

Read and laid on the table, and ordered that 500 copies be
printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST, DANIEL SANBORN, *Secretary.*