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1841.

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

NO. 1.

HOUSE.

AN ACT

FOR THE

ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

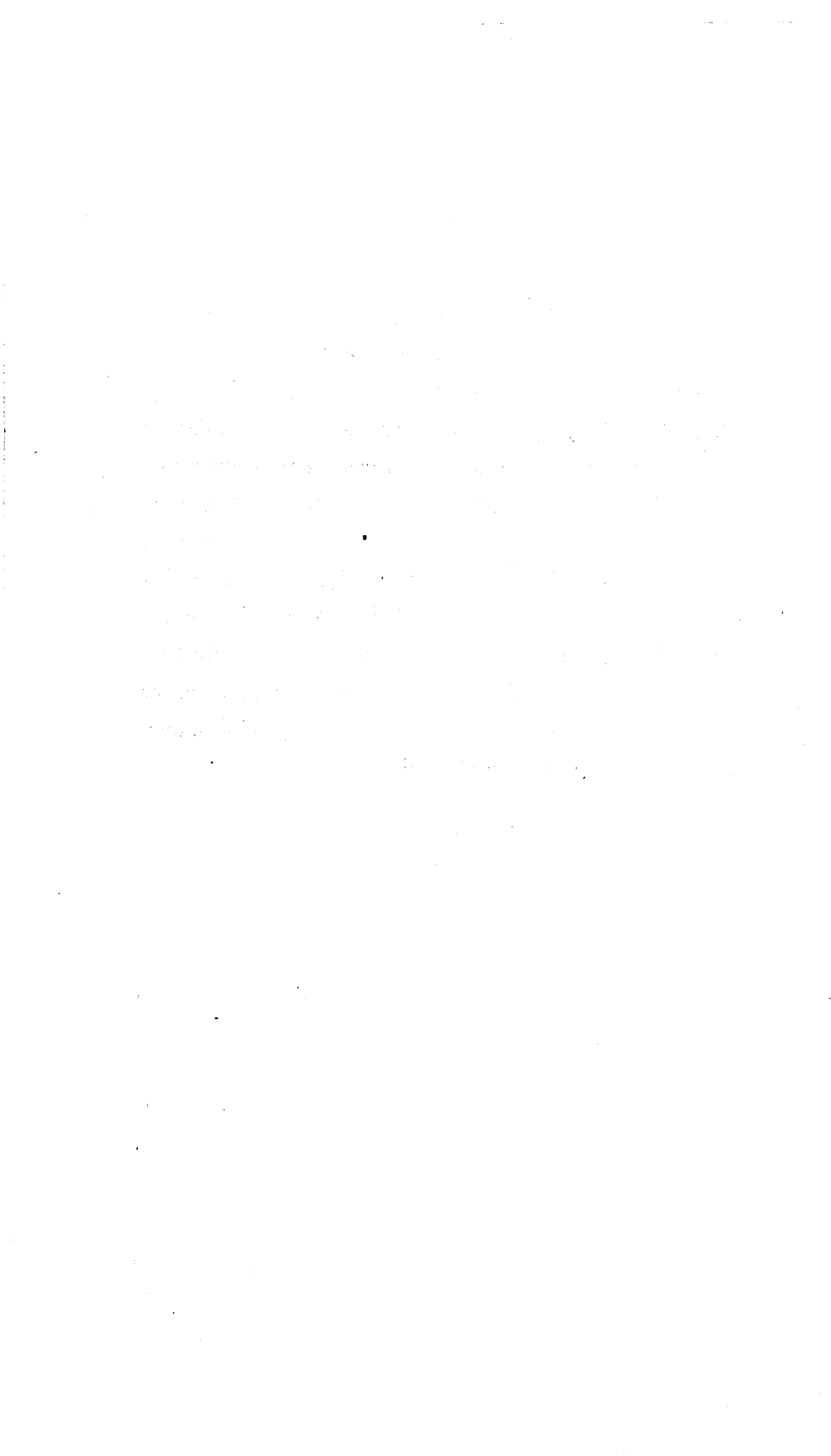
AN ACT for the election of certain County Officers.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House
2 of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That
3 there shall be chosen in each County within this
4 State, on the second Monday of September next,
5 by the written votes of such persons as are by the
6 Constitution qualified to vote for Representatives
7 in the several cities, towns and plantations, three
8 persons for County Commissioners, one for Clerk
9 of the Courts, and one for County Attorney, being
10 residents of the County ; the votes to be counted
11 and sorted in the city, town or plantation meeting,
12 in like manner as is provided for the choice of
13 Representatives ; the names of the persons voted
14 for and the number each person had, shall be
15 recorded by the Clerk in the city, town or planta-
16 book, and an attested copy of such record shall be
17 transmitted under seal to the next Court of County
18 Commissioners to be holden within said County*

19 on the first day of its sitting, if said Court has its
20 usual sitting before the first Monday in December
21 then next, and if not, a special sitting shall be had
22 on that day, then to be opened and compared with
23 the returns from the several towns and plantations
24 in the County; and the person having a majority
25 of votes for either of said offices, after being duly
26 sworn, shall continue in such office, the County
27 Commissioner having the highest number of votes
28 three years, the County Commissioner having the
29 next highest number of votes two years, and the
30 County Commissioner having the smallest number
31 of votes one year; the Clerk of the Court three
32 years, and the County Attorney three years; and
33 if any two or more County Commissioners shall
34 have an equal number of votes, it shall be deter-
35 mined by lot, which shall hold the longer term;
36 and if, upon comparing the votes returned, no person
37 shall have a majority of the votes, or the person
38 chosen shall die, or resign, or remove out of the
39 County before the term for which he was chosen
40 shall have expired, then, and in such case, the
41 Governor, with advice of Council, shall appoint
42 some suitable person to fill the vacancy until
43 another is chosen in his place.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That there
2 shall be chosen in like manner as is provided in the
3 first section of this Act, one County Commissioner

4 in each County in this State, in one year from the
5 second Monday of September next, to hold his
6 office for three years, and one on the second Mon-
7 day of September every year thence following;
8 and in three years from the second Monday of
9 September next, and every three years thence fol-
10 lowing, there shall be chosen in like manner as is
11 provided in the first section of this Act, in each
12 County in this State, a Clerk of the Courts, and a
13 County Attorney, to hold their offices as is provid-
14 ed in said first section ; and in all cases of election
15 under this Act, the officers so chosen shall enter
16 upon their duties on the first Monday of January
17 next, after they are elected.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 18, 1841. }

This Bill (laid upon the table by Mr. Otis of Hallowell) having been twice read, was laid upon the table and three hundred copies thereof were ordered to be printed.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest : GEO. C. GETCHELL, *Clerk.*