

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.]

[No. 22.]

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to the Law relating to Elections.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The first four sections of an act entitled
2 “ An Act concerning electors and elections,” approved
3 on the tenth day of April, in the year eighteen hun-
4 dred and fifty-six, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. When any person of foreign birth shall
2 exhibit to the aldermen, selectmen or assessors of the
3 city, town or plantation, in which he resides, his

4 naturalization papers, issued to him from any court in
5 the United States, and it shall appear to them that
6 such papers are in due form, and were issued by a
7 court having jurisdiction of such matters, and that
8 such person is entitled to vote in such city, town or
9 plantation, they shall approve such papers by endorse-
10 ment thereon in writing, under the hand of one of
11 their number, with the date of such approval; and
12 they shall also register in a book, kept for that pur-
13 pose, the name of the person whose papers are thus
14 approved, with the date of the papers and the date of
15 the approval, and the style or title of the court, by
16 which they were issued; and they shall enter the
17 name of such person upon the list of voters of such
18 city, town or plantation, and so long as he shall con-
19 tinue to reside in such place, and shall continue to be
20 qualified to vote under the constitution and laws of
21 the State, his name shall be entered upon the succes-
22 sive lists of voters without any further exhibition of
23 his naturalization papers.

SECT. 3. If said officers shall be of opinion that the
2 said papers are not genuine, or that the person pre-

3 sending them, is not the person to whom they were
4 issued, or that, for any cause, he is not entitled to vote
5 in such city, town or plantation, they shall not ap-
6 prove such papers or enter the name of such person
7 on the list of voters ; and if, after having so entered
8 his name, it shall appear from satisfactory evidence,
9 subsequently shown to them at any time, when sitting
10 for the correction of the list of voters, that such
11 papers are not genuine, or not issued to the holder of
12 them, they shall strike his name from such list.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 6, 1857. }

Reported by Mr. Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee, and 350 copies
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*