

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 1.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT requiring notice of petitions for legislation.

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

SECTION 1. Notice of any petition to be presented to  
2 the legislature, affecting the rights of individuals or  
3 corporations, may be given by serving such individuals  
4 and corporations with a true copy of the petition, at  
5 least fourteen days before the commencement of the  
6 next session, or by publishing such copy three weeks  
7 successively in some newspaper printed in the counties  
8 in which such individuals reside or such corporations  
9 are established, or if no newspaper be there published,

10 then in the paper published by the printer to the state,  
11 the last publication to be at least fourteen days before  
12 the session; and if further service be deemed neces-  
13 sary, or if defective or insufficient, further notice may  
14 be ordered.

SECT. 2. Notice of any petition affecting the rights  
2 and interests of any town or county may be given by  
3 serving such town with a true copy of the petition at  
4 least fourteen days before the session, and to such  
5 county by publishing in the manner prescribed in the  
6 preceding section.

SECT. 3. Petitions mentioned in the preceding sec-  
2 tions, and notice not proved in the manner prescribed,  
3 shall be referred with an order of notice to the next  
4 succeeding legislature.

SECT. 4. Service of the notice may be made by any  
2 sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or coroner, and proved  
3 by the proper return of such officer, and also by ac-  
4 knowledgment in writing of the adverse party on the  
5 petition; or if the notice is given by publication, then  
6 by the newspapers or the affidavit of the printer.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with  
2 the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; but  
3 the provisions of an act approved April fourth, A. D.  
4 1859, which shall apply to such class of petitions as

5 are mentioned in this act, shall remain in force during  
6 this session of the legislature, but the service of notice  
7 and proof of the same may be as provided in this act.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 17, 1860.

On motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport, laid on the table, and  
350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*