

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 11.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to regulate the right of suffrage.

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

SECTION 1. Every citizen claiming the right to vote  
2 shall make oath or affirmation that he has never volun-  
3 tarily borne arms against the United States since he  
4 has been a citizen thereof ; has never voluntarily given  
5 aid or counsel to persons engaged in armed hostility  
6 thereto ; has never sought nor accepted, nor attempted  
7 to exercise the duties or functions of any office under  
8 any authority in hostility to the United States or  
9 yielded a voluntary support to any pretended govern-  
10 ment within the United States, hostile or inimical

11 thereto ; that he has never deserted or fled to a for-  
12 eign government to avoid any draft or requisition for  
13 men to serve in the armies of the United States in the  
14 late rebellion.

SECT. 2. Any man neglecting or refusing to take  
2 the above oath or affirmation when claiming the right  
3 to vote, shall be debarred the right to vote, and shall  
4 be forever debarred the privilege of holding any office  
5 of honor or profit under this government.

SECT. 3. This act shall be in force on its approval  
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 21, 1867.

Laid on the table by Mr. PERKINS, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.