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Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Counting of Election Ballots.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 21, § 924, amended. The first sentence of section 924 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The election officials shall count the ballots under the supervision of the warden, as soon as the polls are closed, except that if, in the opinion of the warden, the public interests will best be served, referendum ballots may be counted on the next business day immediately following the election, provided such count is completed within 24 hours after the closing of the polls. If referendum ballots are counted subject to this exception, the warden shall have the responsibility for the security and safekeeping of such ballots until such time as the count has been completed.