

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 13.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter seventeen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy two, relating to the appointment of deputy town clerks.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter seventeen of the
2 public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, is
3 hereby amended by adding thereto, after the word
4 "clerk" in the fourth line, the following words :
5 'And in case of the absence, death, resignation, or
6 removal from office, of the clerk without having made
7 such appointment, the municipal officers of any city,
8 town, or plantation, may appoint a person, who is a
9 citizen as aforesaid, to fill said office, who may per-
10 form all the duties of the clerk during his absence,

11 and in case of the clerk's death, resignation, or re-
12 moval from office, till a clerk shall be elected.' Also
13 by striking out all after the word " follows " in the
14 fifth line, and substituting the words: ' I (or we)
15 hereby appoint _____ to perform the duties of
16 town clerk, in the town of _____ during the
17 clerk's absence from his office (or till a clerk shall be
18 elected.) _____ clerk (or municipal officers) of
19 the town of _____. Said deputy, or person
20 appointed by the municipal officers, shall be sworn to
21 faithfully perform the duties of his office before he
22 enters thereon.' So that said section, as amended,
23 shall read as follows :

24 'Sect. 1. The clerk of any city, town, or planta-
25 tion, in this state, may appoint a citizen of said city,
26 town, or plantation, his deputy, who may, in the
27 clerk's absence, perform all the duties of said office
28 with the same effect as if done by the clerk ; and in
29 case of the absence, death, resignation, or removal
30 from office, of the clerk without having made such
31 appointment, the municipal officers of any city town,
32 or plantation, may appoint a person, who is a citizen
33 as aforesaid, to fill said office, who may perform all the
34 duties of the clerk during his absence, and in case of
35 his death, resignation, or removal from office, till a
36 clerk shall be elected. The appointment may be made

37 in writing, as follows: I (or we) hereby appoint
38 to perform the duties of town clerk, in
39 the town of , during the clerk's absence
40 from his office (or till a clerk shall be elected.)
41 , clerk (or municipal officers) of the town of
42 . Said deputy, or person appointed by
43 the municipal officers, shall be sworn to faithfully per-
44 form the duties of his office, before he enters thereon.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 29, 1874. }

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*