

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No 22.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to an act in relation to contested elections.

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

SECTION 1. Notice of intention to contest the right
2 of any person claiming to be elected to a seat in the
3 house of representatives, with a statement of the rea-
4 sons for so doing, may be served on such person by the
5 contestant at any time subsequent to the election, and
6 shall be at least fifteen days prior to the organization
7 of said house; and all testimony deemed necessary by
8 either party shall be by depositions taken in accord-
9 ance with the statute, or by parole evidence, and pre-
10 sented to said body within three days from the com-
11 mencement of the session; and in all cases where this

12 law is not strictly complied with, except in extreme
13 cases where injustice would be done if a continuance
14 was not allowed, the party neglecting shall be denied
15 a postponement, and the committee on elections shall
16 proceed to determine such cases by the testimony be-
17 fore them.

SECT. 2. Section forty-nine of chapter four of the
2 revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the
3 word "five" in the third line, and inserting the word
4 "three," so that said section as amended will read as
5 follows :

6 " When any person intends to contest, before the
7 house of representatives, the right of any person to his
8 seat therein, he shall present his petition to said house
9 within three days after the organization thereof, stat-
10 ing the grounds upon which he proposes to contest the
11 seat of the person claiming to hold the same. Depo-
12 sitions may be taken in the manner authorized by the
13 provisions of chapter one hundred and seven, in cases
14 of contested senatorial elections."

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4, 1875. }

Reported from the Committee on Legal Affairs, by Mr. MASON,
and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*