

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 14.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section five of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes, relating to election returns.

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

Section five of chapter seventy-eight of the revised
2 statutes, is amended by adding at the end thereof the
3 following words: "But in order to ascertain what
4 persons have received the highest number of votes, the
5 governor and council shall count and declare for any
6 person all votes intentionally cast for such person,
7 although his name upon the ballot is misspelled or
8 written with only the initial or initials of his christian
9 name or names; and they may hear testimony upon
10 oath in relation to such votes, in order to get at the

11 intention of the electors, and decide accordingly.”

12 The provisions of this section shall be applied in deter-

13 mining the election of all county officers.

STATE OF MAINE.

**IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 21, 1876.**

**Reported from Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. TALBOT
of East Machias, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.**

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*