

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 80.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-eight and thirty-one of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, relating to meeting houses.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-eight of chapter twelve 2 of revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in 3 the first line the words "a majority," and inserting 4 instead thereof, the words "two-thirds," so that said 5 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

6 Sect. 23. Two-thirds of the pew owners or pro-7 prietors of a meeting house present at a legal meeting 8 called for that purpose may repair, remodel or sell, 9 and convey their house or the land used with it, or 10 remove or rebuild it. Any meeting relating thereto

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11 may be called as provided in section thirty-one; or12 by publishing the warrant in a newspaper printed in13 the county, at least fourteen days before the meeting.

SECT. 2. Section thirty-one of chapter twelve of 2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in 3 the second and third lines, the words "any three or 4 more," and inserting instead thereof, the words "a 5 majority," so that said section, when amended, shall 6 read as follows :

Sect. 31. The owners of a meeting house or build-8 ing for public worship, and the pew owners, may be 9 incorporated, when a majority of them apply to a 10 justice of the peace therefor, who shall issue his 11 warrant to one of them stating the time, place and 12 purpose of the meeting, and directing him to notify 13 said owners by posting up a certified copy of it four-14 'teen days on the principal outer door of such building, 15 and in one or more other public places in the same 16 town.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 7, 1876.

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

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.