

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE

No. 29.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

[S. 3.] AN ACT to amend section three, chapter seven of the revised statutes, relating to election returns.

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

Section three, chapter seven of the revised statutes, 2 is hereby amended, by striking out the words “dur- 3 ing the first week in” in the eighth and ninth lines, 4 and inserting instead thereof the words “on or before 5 the first day of;” also by striking out the words 6 “during said first week in December” in the thir- 7 teenth and fourteenth lines of said section, and insert- 8 ing the word “forthwith” after the word shall in said 9 fourteenth line, so that said section, as amended, shall 10 read as follows :

11 *Sect. 3.* The meetings for election of register of

12 deeds shall be notified, held and regulated, and the
13 votes received, sorted, counted, declared and recorded,
14 in the same manner as votes for representatives, and
15 fair copies of the lists of votes shall be attested by the
16 municipal officers and clerks of towns and sealed up
17 in open town meeting ; and the town clerks shall cause
18 them to be delivered into the office of the secretary of
19 the state within thirty days next succeeding any meet-
20 ing for their election. And the governor and council
21 shall, on or before the first day of December following,
22 open and examine the same, and also the lists of votes
23 of citizens in the military service returned to said
24 office under the provisions of the law in that behalf.
25 They shall have the same power to correct errors as is
26 conferred by section five of chapter seventy-eight ; and
27 they shall forthwith issue certificates of election to
28 such persons as have a plurality of all the votes for
29 each county or registry district ; and the person thus
30 elected, and having given the bond required in section
31 four, duly approved by the county commissioners, shall
32 hold his office for the term of five years from the first
33 day of January thereafter and until another shall be
34 chosen and qualified.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30, 1877.

Reported by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Penobscot, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

S. W. LANE, *Secretary.*