

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 1.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY.

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AN ACT in relation to the state seal, public records  
and documents, and to certain public officers and  
their duties.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever shall knowingly and wil-  
2 fully remove the seal of the state of Maine, from  
3 the office or custody of the secretary of state at  
4 Augusta, or shall knowingly and wilfully secrete,  
5 deface, injure, or destroy said seal, or wilfully aid  
6 or assist in so doing, or having said seal in his  
7 possession, or under his control, shall wilfully  
8 neglect, or refuse to deliver up said seal to the  
9 secretary of state upon demand therefor, shall be  
10 punished by imprisonment not less than one nor

11 more than five years, and by fine not exceeding  
12 five thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. Whoever shall knowingly and wilfully  
2 use the seal of the state of Maine, or take any im-  
3 pression therefrom for any purpose, in any other  
4 place than the office of the secretary of state at  
5 Augusta, or shall knowingly and wilfully issue or  
6 receive and act under any commission, record,  
7 document, parchment, instrument or paper, bear-  
8 ing the impression of said seal, unless such com-  
9 mission, record, document, parchment, instrument  
10 or paper, shall be sealed in said office of said secre-  
11 tary of state at Augusta, shall be punished by im-  
12 prisonment not more than three years and by fine  
13 not exceeding three thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. Whoever shall knowingly and wilfully  
2 remove from the state house at Augusta, or from  
3 the custody of the secretary of state, or governor  
4 and council, or other officer, or person in whose  
5 lawful custody the same are deposited or kept in  
6 said state house, any book of accounts, voucher,  
7 record, return, returned copies of lists of votes  
8 given for any public officer, certified copy of any  
9 record, or other document or instrument, belong-  
10 ing to, or kept in, any of the offices in said state  
11 house, except the books and documents kept and

12 deposited in the state library, or shall knowingly  
13 and wilfully secrete, alter, mutilate, deface, or des-  
14 troy, any such book of accounts, voucher, record,  
15 return, returned copies of lists of votes given for  
16 any public officer, certified copy of any record, or  
17 other document, or instrument, or shall knowingly  
18 and wilfully aid, or assist in so doing, or having  
19 any such book of accounts, voucher, record, re-  
20 turned copies of lists of votes given for any public  
21 officer, certified copy of any record or other such  
22 document, or instrument, in his possession, or  
23 under his control, shall wilfully neglect, or refuse  
24 to return the same to said state house, or to de-  
25 liver up the same to the person in lawful charge  
26 of the office, or room in said state house, where  
27 the same were kept or deposited, shall be punished  
28 by imprisonment, not less than one nor more than  
29 three years and by fine not exceeding five thou-  
30 sand dollars.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when ap-  
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 22, 1880. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk,*