

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 96.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to congressional vacancies.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in
2 the representation of this state in the national
3 house of representatives, the governor having
4 knowledge in any manner of such vacancy shall
5 issue his proclamation for an election to fill such
6 vacancy. In case congress is in session when such
7 vacancy occurs, this proclamation shall be issued
8 forthwith, and in case congress is not in session
9 when such vacancy occurs such proclamation shall
10 issue in season to secure representation at the next
11 called or regular session of congress.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of each
2 town, within twenty-four hours after the close of
3 the polls to deposit the returns of the votes cast at
4 such special election, post-paid, directed to the sec-
5 retary of state, to be transmitted by mail. The
6 governor and council shall meet seven days after
7 such election and open and canvass such returns
8 and declare the result. The governor shall imme-
9 diately issue a certificate of election to such person
10 as is thus declared to have received a plurality of
11 votes.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, March 11, 1881.

Reported by Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*