

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 2.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT for the promotion of safe and accurate legis-  
lation by the employment of a legislative draughts-  
man.

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

SECTION 1. At each session, there shall be a  
2 joint standing committee on engrossed bills con-  
3 sisting of ten; three to be appointed by the presi-  
4 dent of the senate, and seven by the speaker of  
5 the house of representatives, who may employ a  
6 legislative draughtsman skilled in the law, to whom  
7 all bills and resolves having the force of law shall  
8 be referred for examination previous to their pas-  
9 sage to be engrossed.

SECT. 2. The draughtsman shall carefully examine every such bill and resolve and compare the same with existing laws and resolves relating to the same subject, and shall see that the same is not only couched in language concise, grammatical and intelligible and is expressed in correct legal form, but that such bill or resolve is incorporated into the legislation of the state by suitable amendment or repeal of existing laws or resolves or by the addition of appropriate sections in their proper place.

SECT. 3. No bill or resolve as aforesaid shall be engrossed until the draughtsman shall have affixed his certificate that it has been examined by him and is correct in form.

SECT. 4. The compensation of such draughtsman shall be fixed by said committee, subject to the approval of the governor and council.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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In SENATE, January 24, 1883.

Reported by Mr. KIMBALL of Sagadahoc, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*