

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 6.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-five and twenty-seven of chapter four, and section six of chapter one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-five of chapter four
2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as
3 to read as follows :

'SECT. 25. The officers presiding at any election
2 shall use the check list herein required at the
3 polls during the election of any such officers, and
4 use but one ballot box, to be furnished at the ex-
5 pense of the town ; and no votes shall be received
6 unless delivered by the voter in person after he

7 has audibly announced his name to the presiding
8 officers, and they have had opportunity to be satis-
9 fied of his identity and find his name on the list
10 and mark it, and ascertain that his vote is single ;
11 but whenever a constitutional amendment is sub-
12 mitted to the people for adoption, a separate ballot
13 box shall be provided at every poll or voting place
14 into which the ballots or votes for or against such
15 proposed amendment shall be deposited separately
16 from all other ballots or votes, and into which each
17 voter desiring to vote upon the amendment sub-
18 mitted, must deposit his ballot at the same time he
19 deposits his ballot for officers to be chosen on that
20 day, if any, and he desires to vote therefor.'

SECT. 2. Section twenty-seven of chapter four
2 is amended so as to read as follows :

'SECT. 27. Ballot boxes used at elections shall
2 be covered at the top with a slide only, which shall
3 be kept shut, except when opened to receive a
4 ballot ; but such boxes may contain mechanical
5 devices which tend to prevent fraud in elections
6 and do not materially abridge the rights of votes ;
7 and towns may pass ordinances or by-laws in re-
8 gard to the use of such ballot boxes, and the
9 manner of receiving, counting and returning the
10 votes, as they may deem expedient, not inconsist-

11 ent with the provisions of law, and affix penalties,
12 by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisonment
13 not exceeding six months ; and if the presiding
14 officers do not comply with the requirements of
15 this chapter, or attempt to evade the same, they
16 shall be subject to the penalties provided in section
17 fifty-nine.'

SECT. 3. Clause twenty-three, section six, chapter
2 one, of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended so
3 as to read as follows:

'SECT. 6. The term 'municipal officers' includes
2 the board of aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
3 towns, and the assessors of plantations.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 23, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. RAY, from the Committee on Judiciary, and ordered
printed and re-committed.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*