

Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 256.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes relating to the filling of vacancies in Board of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter fifty-eight of the 2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the 3 tenth line thereof after the word "them," the words 4 'vacancies in counties, however caused, shall be filled 5 within three months after notice to the secretary of the 6 oldest society in the county where such vacancy exists, if 7 there is more than one, at a special meeting, in the same 8 manner as is hereinbefore provided for the election of 9 county members of said board'; so that said section as 10 amended shall read as follows:

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Section 2. If there is more than one such society in a 12 county, the executive officers of the oldest shall designate 13 a time and place for a convention of five delegates, chosen 14 from each society at a regular meeting; and the secretary 15 of such oldest society shall give written notice thereof to 16 the secretary of each of the others. The convention shall 17 be held prior to the third Wednesday of January and 18 shall elect a president and secretary, and by ballot, a 19 member of the board of agriculture for that county. If 20 no election is made, the secretary shall immediately send 21 to the governor and council the names of two or more 22 persons having the highest number of votes; and they 23 shall elect one of them. Vacancies in counties, however 24 caused, shall be filled within three months after notice to 25 the secretary of the oldest society in the county where 26 such vacancy exists, if there is more than one, at a special 27 meeting, in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided 28 for the election of county members of said board. The 29 written certificate of the secretary of the society or con-30 vention electing a member, shall be his credentials in the 31 board.

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House of Representatives, March 13, 1891.

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Reported by Mr. EASTMAN of Fryeburg, from Committee on Agriculculture, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.