

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 209.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT amendatory of Section 21, Chapter 102 of the  
Public Laws of 1891.

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

SECTION 1. Amend section 21, chapter 102, of the Pub-  
2 lic Laws of 1891, as follows: Insert in line twenty-one  
3 thereof after the word "authority" the following: 'shall  
4 be present at and witness the counting by the presiding  
5 officer or officers of all votes cast in such meetings,' so  
6 that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 21. The municipal officers of cities, towns and  
8 plantations voting in accordance with the provisions of  
9 this act, shall biennially in the month of May appoint  
10 clerks for each polling place. For each polling place

11 in cities and towns of more than one thousand in-  
12 habitants four clerks, and for each polling place in  
13 plantations, and for each island ward of the city of  
14 Portland and for the island district of the town of  
15 Cumberland, and for every town of less than 1,000 in-  
16 habitants two clerks shall be appointed. Said clerks  
17 shall equally represent each of the political parties which  
18 cast the largest number of votes in the State elec-  
19 tion next preceding their appointment. Each of said offi-  
20 cers shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his du-  
21 ties, and shall hold office for two years from the date of  
22 his appointment, and until a successor is appointed and  
23 qualified, or he is removed. Such election officers shall  
24 attend at the times and places designated for meetings in  
25 their respective wards, towns or plantations for the elec-  
26 tion of any national, state, county or ward officers, and  
27 for the determination of any question submitted to the  
28 qualified voters of any city by lawful authority, shall be  
29 present at and witness the counting by the presiding offi-  
30 cer or officers of all votes cast at such meetings, and shall  
31 receive such reasonable compensation for each day's actual  
32 service as the municipal officers of their respective cities,  
33 towns and plantations may determine. No person shall  
34 be eligible to the position of election officer in any ward,  
35 town or plantation where he is a candidate to be voted  
36 for.'

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 205.

I move to amend by adding after the words "to be voted for" in the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth lines the following :

'Two of the clerks in each polling place, one from each political party, shall be detailed by the municipal officers to act as ballot clerks. The two ballot clerks thus detailed and appointed in each polling place shall have the charge of the ballots therein, and shall furnish them to the voters in the manner hereinafter set forth.

A duplicate list of the qualified voters in each ward, town or plantation shall be prepared for the use of the ballot clerks, and all the provisions of law relative to the preparation, furnishing and preservation of check lists shall apply to such duplicate lists.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

EMERSON, Portland.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 27, 1893. }

Tabled pending reference to committee, by Mr. EMERSON of Portland, and with amendment incorporated, ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*