

# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

#### HOUSE.

No. 380.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1889, as amended by the Public Laws of 1893, Chapter 194, relating to the extirpation of contagious diseases among cattle.

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

Insert after the word "ability" in the eighth line of sec-2 tion one of said act, the following: "One of whom shall 3 be recommended by the state board of health, one by 4 the state board of agriculture, and one by the Maine 5 state grange."

Strike out, beginning in line 12 of said section, the 7 words, "whose tenure of office shall be at the option of

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8 the governor," and insert in the place thereof the follow-9 ing: 'The term of office of said commissioners shall be 10 three years, two years, and one year respectively, the 11 length of term corresponding with the order of recom-12 mendation as above specified. The commissioners there-13 after appointed shall hold office for three years.'

Add to said section the following: 'The term of office 15 of the present commissioners shall expire upon the 16 approval of this act.' So that said section as amended 17 shall read as follows:

Section 1. That for the purpose of facilitating and 19 encouraging the live stock interests of Maine, and for 20 extirpating all insidious, infectious and contagious dis-21 eases, now or that may be among cattle, horses and 22 sheep, and especially tuberculosis, the governor of the 23 state is hereby authorized and required, immediately after 24 the passage of this act, to appoint a board of cattle com-25 missioners consisting of three persons of known executive 26 ability, one of whom shall be recommended by the state 27 board of health, one by the state board of agriculture, 28 and one by the Maine state grange, who shall be charged 29 with the execution of the provisions of this act, and who 30 shall be known and designated as the state of Maine 31 cattle commission, and whose powers and duties shall be 32 those provided for in this act. The term of office of 33 said commissioners shall be three years, two years, and 34 one year respectively, the length of term corresponding HOUSE—No. 380.

35 with the order of recommendation as above specified. 36 The commissioners thereafter appointed shall hold office 37 for three years. The compensation of said commissioners 38 shall be at the rate of three dollars per day during the 39 time they are actually engaged in the discharge of their 40 duties as commissioners. The said commissioners shall 41 respectively take an oath to faithfully perform the duties 42 of their office, and shall immediately organize as such 43 commission by the election of one of their number as 44 president thereof, and proceed forthwith to the discharge 45 of the duties devolved upon them by the provisions of 46 this act. The term of office of the present commissioners 47 shall expire upon the approval of this act.'

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 25, 1897.

Tabled, pending third reading, by Mr. KING of Caribou, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.