

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 177.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section forty-two of Chapter ninety-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of Dams and Reservoirs.

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

Section 1. Section forty-two of chapter ninety-two of 2 the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out 3 in the third line thereof, the words "during August, Sep-4 tember and October," and inserting instead thereof the 5 words 'hold said office till his successor is appointed and 6 qualified;' also by inserting after the word "taxpayers," 7 the words 'of any town or several towns." So that said 8 section as amended shall read as follows:

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'Sect. 42. The governor with the advice and consent of 10 council, shall annually appoint a competent and practical 11 engineer, a citizen of the State, who shall hold said office 12 till his successor is appointed and qualified, and who shall 13 upon the petition of ten resident taxpayers of any town or 14 several towns, the selectmen or assessors of any town, or 15 the county commissioners of any county, inspect any dam 16 or reservoir located in such town or county, erected for 17 the saving of water for manufacturing or other uses, and 18 after personal examination and hearing the testimony of 19 witnesses summoned for the purpose, he shall forthwith 20 report to the governor his opinion of the safety and suf-21 ficiency thereof.'

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IN SENATE, March 17, 1897.

Reported by Mr. CLASON, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.