

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 97

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend section twelve of chapter three of the Revised Statutes of 1883 as amended by chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the Public Laws of 1885.

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

Section 1. Section twelve of chapter three of the Revised
2 Statutes of 1883, as amended by chapter three hundred and
3 thirty-five of the Public Laws of 1885, is hereby amended by
4 adding after the word "town" in the last line, the following:
5 'Provided, however, any town electing three selectmen, three
6 overseers of the poor, and three assessors, if it shall vote so
7 to do, may elect one member of each of the three above-
8 named boards for one year, one for two years and one for
9 three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter one mem-
10 ber of each of the said boards shall be elected for a term of
11 three years.

'Towns electing more than three selectmen, three overseers
13 of the poor and three assessors, may by vote determine how
14 many of each board shall be elected annually and the tenure
15 of their office,' so that the section as amended shall read as
16 follows:

'Sect. 12. Annual town meetings shall be held in March
18 and the voters shall then choose by a major vote, a clerk,
19 three, five or seven inhabitants of the town to be selectmen
20 and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not
21 chosen, three or more assessors, two or more fence viewers,
22 treasurer, surveyors of lumber, tything men, sealers of
23 leather, measurers of wood and bark, constables, collectors
24 of taxes and other usual town officers; and if one-third of the
25 voters present are in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a
26 major vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be
27 sworn. Treasurers and collectors of towns shall not be
28 selectmen or assessors, until they have completed their duties
29 as treasurers and collectors and had a final settlement with
30 the town. Provided, however, any town electing three
31 selectmen, three overseers of the poor and three assessors,
32 if they shall vote so to do, may elect one member of each of
33 the above-named boards for one year, one for two years and
34 one for three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter
35 one member of each of the said boards shall be elected for
36 a term of three years; towns electing more than three select-
37 men, three overseers of the poor and three assessors, may
38 by vote determine how many of each of said boards shall be
39 elected annually and the tenure of their offices.'

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 11, 1903.

Reported by Mr. STURGIS of Standish, from Committee on Towns,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*