

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 149

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for ascertaining by ballot the sentiment  
of the people as to candidates for Senator in Congress.

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

Section 1. At the election next preceding the time for  
2 which a senator or senators in Congress are to be chosen,  
3 any person qualified under the constitution of the United  
4 States to serve as senator in Congress from Maine may  
5 cause to be filed with the Secretary of State nomination  
6 papers, not later than the date on which nomination papers  
7 are now required by law to be filed. Said nomination paper  
8 or papers shall be signed by not less than one thousand  
9 voters of this state, stating his or their qualifications for  
10 the office of senator in Congress, and the designation ex-

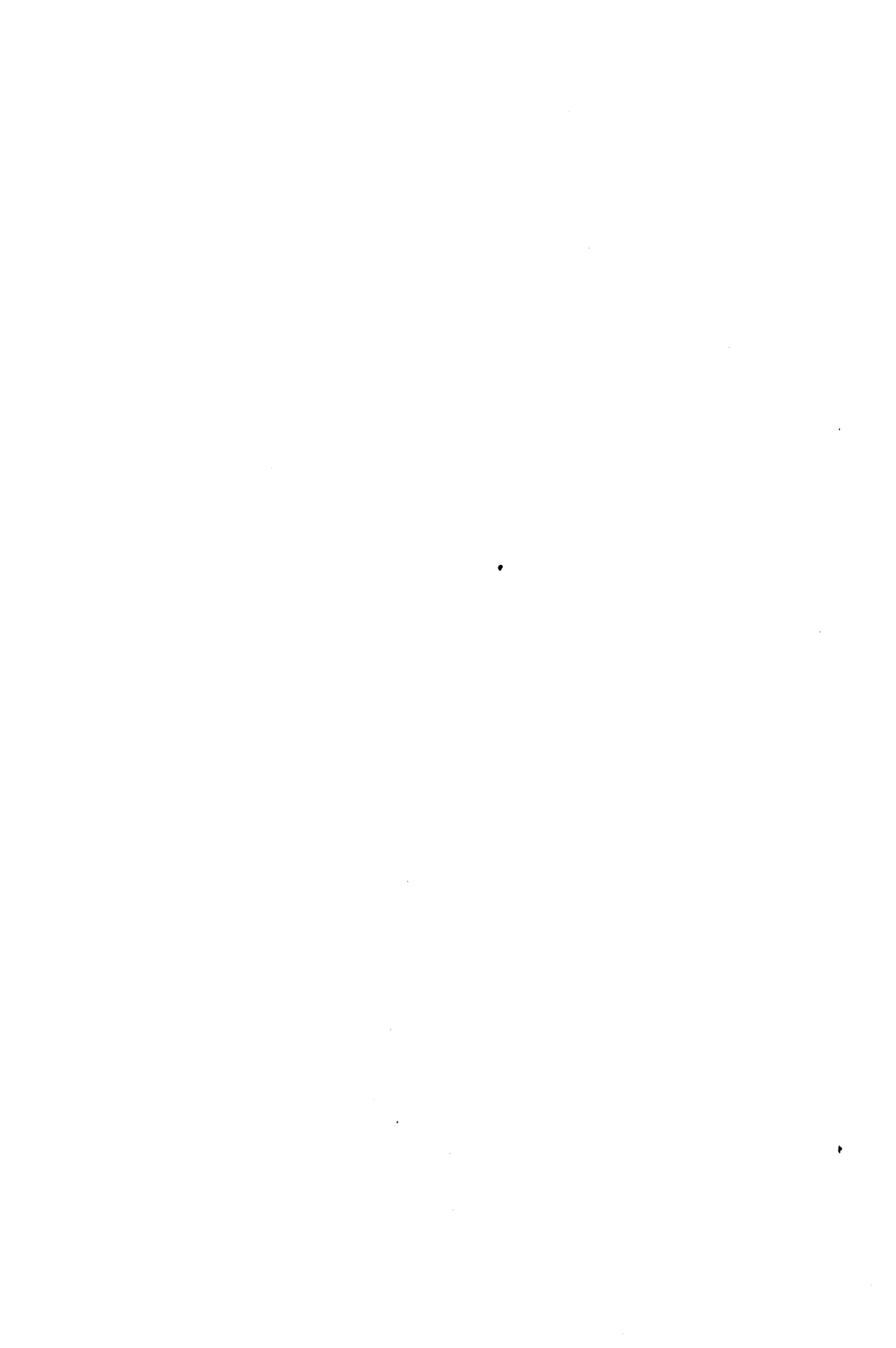
11 pressed in not more than three words which he desires to  
12 have printed above his name on the ballot. Said desig-  
13 nation shall be regulated according to the election law now  
14 in force in this state and all provisions of law applicable  
15 to the filing of nomination papers shall apply unless other-  
16 wise specified in this act to the filing of nomination papers  
17 for senators in Congress.

Sect. 2. The Secretary of State shall place upon the offi-  
2 cial ballot to be used at the regular state election the name  
3 of each such candidate in the same manner as the names  
4 of candidates for state and county officers.

Sect. 3. The election officers shall count the votes cast  
2 for senators in Congress and make returns to the Secretary  
3 of State in the same manner as for candidates for state and  
4 county officers. The Secretary of State shall lay the returns  
5 before the Governor and Council, who shall determine and  
6 proclaim which candidate has received the highest number  
7 of votes, or, if two senators are to be elected, which candi-  
8 date for each term has received the highest number of votes.  
9 The Secretary of State shall cause the records of votes cast  
10 for all candidates for senators in Congress to be declared  
11 by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate  
12 on the first day of legislative session.

Sect. 4. The vote for senators in Congress herein pro-  
2 vided shall be deemed only as an indication of the sentiment  
3 of the qualified voters of this state.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 7, 1907.

Reported by Mr. WEEKS from Committee on Judiciary and ordered  
printed and recommitted.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.