

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

---

SENATE.

No. 176

---

## STATE OF MAINE.

---

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

---

AN ACT to amend section twenty-one of chapter six of the  
Revised Statutes, relating to the filling of vacancies in the  
office of ballot clerks.

---

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

Section 1. Section twenty-one of chapter six of the Revised  
2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "in"  
3 in the nineteenth line of said section the words 'towns and  
4 plantations and by the mayor of cities in' so that said section  
5 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 21. The municipal officers of cities, towns and  
7 plantations voting in accordance with the provisions of this  
8 chapter, shall biennially in the month of May appoint clerks

9 for each polling place; and such municipal officers shall  
10 appoint as such clerks such persons as shall be recommended  
11 for such appointment by the several political party commit-  
12 tees of the several cities, town or plantations, representing  
13 the two political parties, which, at the gubernatorial election  
14 next preceding such appointment, cast the greatest number  
15 of votes. For each polling place in cities and towns of more  
16 than one thousand inhabitants four clerks, and for each  
17 polling place in plantations, and for each island ward of the  
18 city of Portland and for the island district of the town of  
19 Cumberland and for every town of less than one thousand  
20 inhabitants, two clerks shall be appointed. Said clerks shall  
21 equally represent each of the political parties which cast the  
22 largest number of votes in the state election next preceding  
23 their appointment. Each of said clerks shall be sworn to the  
24 faithful performance of his duties, and shall hold office for  
25 two years from the date of his appointment, and until a suc-  
26 cessor is appointed and qualified, or he vacates the office.  
27 Vacancies occurring in the office of election or ballot clerks  
28 shall be forthwith filled by the municipal officers in towns and  
29 plantations and by the mayor of cities in manner hereinbe-  
30 fore provided. Such election clerks shall attend at the times  
31 and places designated for meetings in their respective wards,  
32 towns or plantations for the election of any national, state,  
33 county, city or ward officers, and for the determination of  
34 any question submitted to the qualified voters of any city by  
35 lawful authority, shall be present at and witness the counting

36 by the presiding election officer or officers of all votes cast  
37 in such meetings, and shall receive such reasonable compensa-  
38 tion for each day's actual service as the municipal officers of  
39 their respective cities, towns and plantations may determine.  
40 No person shall be eligible to the position of election clerk  
41 in any ward, town or plantation where he is a candidate to  
42 be voted for. Two of the clerks in each polling place, one  
43 from each political party shall be detailed by the municipal  
44 officers to act as ballot clerks. The two ballot clerks thus  
45 detailed and appointed in each polling place shall have the  
46 charge of the ballots therein and shall furnish them to the  
47 voters in the manner hereinafter set forth. A duplicate list  
48 of the qualified voters in each ward, town or plantation shall  
49 be prepared for the use of the ballot clerks, and all the pro-  
50 visions of law relative to the preparation, furnishing and  
51 preservation of check lists shall apply to such duplicate lists.  
52 Provisions in the charter of any city for the election of two  
53 persons to assist the warden in receiving, sorting and count-  
54 ing the ballots, are not affected by the provisions hereof; but  
55 persons so elected shall be deemed election clerks for that  
56 purpose; they shall equally represent the two political par-  
57 ties which, at the state election next preceding, cast the  
58 greatest number of votes.

STATE OF MAINE.

---

IN SENATE, March 1, 1907.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.