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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section twelve of chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the choice of town officers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. Section twelve of chapter four of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the follow3 ing: 'C. And in towns of over four thousand inhabitants
4 the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for
5 any of the above mentioned offices shall be deemed elected
6 to such office,' so that said section as amended shall read
7 as follows:

'Sect. 12. Annual town meetings shall be held in March, 9 and the voters shall then choose, by a major vote, a clerk,

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10 three, five or seven inhabitants of the town to be selectmen 11 and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not 12 chosen, three or more assessors, two or more fence viewers, 13 treasurer, surveyors of lumber, sealers of leather, meas-14 urers of wood and bark, constables, collectors of taxes and 15 other usual town officers; and if one-third of the voters 16 present are in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a major 17 vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be sworn. 18 Treasurers and collectors of towns shall not be selectmen 10 or assessors, until they have completed their duties as treas-20 urers and collectors and had a final settlement with the 21 town. (B) The treasurer and collector of taxes of cities 22 and towns, may be one and the same person. (C) And in 23 towns of over four thousand inhabitants the candidates 24 receiving the greatest number of votes for any of the above 25 mentioned offices shall be deemed elected to such office.'