

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 555

In Senate, March 20, 1913.

Presented by Senator Wing of Franklin, and on motion by Senator Flaherty of Cumberland, laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes relating
to Registration of Voters.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following section:

'Sect. 47. In cities of 40,000 or more inhabitants, the
4 board of registration shall between the first day of January
5 and the thirty-first day of May, 1914, except such time as
6 is now provided by law for the registration of voters for
7 the election of a trustee of the Portland Water District,
8 and between the same dates in every tenth year thereafter,
9 make a new general register of the qualified voters in such

10 cities, which shall contain the names of only such persons
11 as appear in person before the board and prove that they
12 possess all the qualifications of a vote, and shall be in the
13 form provided for by section 14 of chapter 5 of the Revised
14 Statutes. Subsequent changes may be made therein on
15 account of illegal registration, and after the years in which
16 said general registrations are made, all laws relating to
17 general register of voters shall be applicable thereto, and
18 the annual registers and voting lists of said city shall be
19 prepared therefrom in the manner provided by law for
20 preparing annual registers and voting lists in cities. From
21 January first to January thirty-first and from April first to
22 April thirtieth in each year designated for preparing gen-
23 eral registers, voters may be registered at the central regis-
24 tration office, and during the months of February and
25 March of each year designated for preparing the general
26 registers, such board shall keep open, in each ward or
27 voting precinct, in turn, on such days as it may determine,
28 a place for registration of voters of such ward. All ses-
29 sions of the board shall be held daily from eight o'clock in
30 the forenoon until nine o'clock in the afternoon, Sundays
31 excepted. Notice of the time and place of the sessions of
32 such board in each ward or voting precinct shall be pub-
33 lished three times a week for the three consecutive weeks
34 next preceding the holding of such sessions in each ward
35 or voting precinct, in at least one daily newspaper published
36 in such city.