

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 331

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to Amend Sections Twenty-three and Twenty-four of Chapter Two Hundred and Twenty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Thirteen Relating to Filling Vacancies in Nominations Made at a Primary Election.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-
2 one of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, as
3 amended by section three of chapter one hundred and sixty
4 of the Public Laws of the same year is hereby further
5 amended by striking out in the second line of said section as
6 amended the words "before the meeting of the legislature,"
7 and inserting in place thereof the words 'before the day of
8 the gubernatorial election,' and by inserting after the word

9 "eighteen" in the sixth line of said section the words 'or
10 in case a vacancy occurs in any office which is to be filled at
11 the next biennial state election, for which no nomination has
12 been made at the primary election held on the third Monday
13 in June of the same year;' and by inserting after the word
14 "time" in the tenth line of said section the words 'within
15 which nomination papers shall be filed and the time for
16 transmitting to town clerks lists of candidates proposed for
17 nomination, and the time;' and by inserting after the first
18 sentence of said section as amended, the following sentence:
19 'If the time is insufficient therefor, said nomination may be
20 supplied in the manner provided in section twenty-two;' so
21 that said section as amended shall read as follows.

'Sect. 23. In case any nominee for United States senator
23 nominated hereunder shall die before the day of the guber-
24 natorial election at which such office is to be filled, or shall
25 before that time withdraw in writing, or shall forfeit his
26 nomination by failure to accept, or to file return as provided
27 in sections seventeen and eighteen; or in case any vacancy
28 occurs in any office which is to be filled at the next biennial
29 state election, for which no nomination has been made at the
30 primary election held on the third Monday in June of the
31 same year, a special primary election shall be ordered by
32 proclamation of the governor, at such date as he deems best,
33 conforming as near as may be practicable to the provisions
34 of this act, but in that event the governor in said proclama-
35 tion shall fix the time within which nomination papers shall

36 be filed and the time for transmitting to town clerks lists of
37 candidates proposed for nomination and the time within
38 which and when the returns shall be received and the result
39 declared. If the time is insufficient therefor, said nomina-
40 tion may be supplied in the manner provided in section twen-
41 ty-two. Candidates so chosen shall be subject to the provis-
42 ions of this act regulating acceptances and returns by can-
43 didates for United States senator.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-four of said chapter two hundred
2 and twenty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "proclamation" in the fifth line of said section the fol-
4 lowing words: 'and he shall therein fix the time within which
5 nomination papers shall be filed and the time for transmit-
6 ting to town clerks lists of candidates proposed for nomina-
7 tion,' and by inserting after the first sentence of said section,
8 the following sentence: 'If the time is insufficient therefor,
9 said nomination may be supplied in the manner provided
10 in section twenty-two,' so that said section as amended shall
11 read as follows:

'Sect. 24. When special elections are to be held for any
13 office as required or permitted by law, primary elections for
14 the nomination of candidates to be voted for thereat shall
15 be held at such time as shall be ordered by the governor by
16 proclamation, and he shall therein fix the time within which
17 nomination papers shall be filed and the time for transmit-
18 ting to town clerks lists of candidates proposed for nomina-
19 tion and, so far as practicable, all the provisions hereof shall

20 be applicable thereto. If the time is insufficient therefor,
21 said nomination may be supplied in the manner provided in
22 section twenty-two. Candidates so nominated shall file ac-
23 ceptances and returns of expenditures as hereinbefore pro-
24 vided.'