

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE NO. 247

In Senate, March 3, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Cole of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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, 1916, except such time as
6 is now provided by law for the registration of voters for
7 any election and between the same dates in every tenth year
8 thereafter, make a new general register of the qualified
9 voters in such cities, which shall contain the names of only

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