

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 30

House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Longley of Sidney.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixteen and Section Seventeen of
Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes relating to Road Com-
missioners.

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

Section 1. Section Sixteen of Chapter Four of the Re-
vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first
six lines and the first ten words in the seventh line and
inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'Each town shall
annually elect by written ballot a road commissioner who
shall be sworn and shall hold office until the first Monday
of April in the year following; provided, however, that such

8 commissioner may be elected for a longer term, not exceed-
9 ing three years. Any town may, at its option, vote to have
10 not more than three road commissioners, whose election,
11 powers and duties shall be the same as prescribed for a
12 single commissioner,' so that said section as amended shall
13 read as follows:

'Sect. 16. Each town shall annually elect by written bal-
2 lot a road commissioner who shall be sworn and shall hold
3 office until the first Monday of April in the year following;
4 provided, however, that such commissioner may be elected
5 for a longer term, not exceeding three years. Any town
6 may, at its option, vote to have not more than three road
7 commissioners, whose election, powers and duties shall be
8 the same as prescribed for a single commissioner. Any
9 road commissioner may be removed from office by the se-
10 lectmen for incompetency or neglect to perform his official
11 duties. Selectmen may act as road commissioners. This
12 section shall not apply to road commissioners chosen prior
13 to the twelfth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirteen,
14 nor abridge their term of office, but shall apply to their
15 successors in office; nor shall this section apply to cities
16 or towns which choose road commissioners under special
17 acts of the legislature.'

Sect. 2. Section Seventeen of Chapter Four of the Re-
2 vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first
3 line thereof the word "appointed" and inserting in lieu there-
4 of the word 'elected' and by striking out in the second line

5 thereof the word "appointment" and inserting in lieu there-
6 of the word 'election,' so that said section as amended shall
7 read as follows:

'Sect. 17. If a person elected as road commissioner fails
2 to qualify within seven days after election, the office shall
3 be deemed vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by
4 appointment; and in the event of a vacancy caused by death
5 or otherwise, the selectmen shall appoint some competent
6 person to fill out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and
7 perform the duties of said office. If after the choice of
8 any officer not required to be chosen by ballot, there is a
9 vacancy in any such office, the municipal officers may fill
10 such vacancies by the written appointment of proper per-
11 sons, who shall be summoned by the constable to appear
12 and take the oath of office provided in section twenty-seven
13 subject to the penalties provided in section twenty-eight.
14 Such appointment and oath shall be recorded as in case of
15 a choice by the town. No person shall be so appointed
16 without his consent.'

Sect. 3. All statutes, acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.