

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 173

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the proper regulation of franchise.

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

First. Any person under indictment for crime shall not
2 participate in any political meeting, nor in any way engage
3 to work for the promotion of any party or candidate for
4 any elective office. Nor shall any person who is engaged
5 in the liquor traffic in any form, whether as proprietor,
6 bar tender or clerk in any liquor saloon, or in any hotel,
7 or inn, in which liquor is offered for sale, be permitted to
8 vote nor be a candidate, either in the primaries or in the

9 general election, for any office, either county, town, city
10 or state, or any public office of any nature or kind, the
11 salary of which to be paid out of any fund derived from
12 taxation of the property, either city, town, county, state
13 or plantation. Nor shall any person who owns or controls
14 buildings, whether in a city, village, town, plantation, or any
15 suburb of either, who rents said property to persons for
16 the purpose of conducting the liquor business in any of its
17 various forms, or for the use of houses of ill-fame, be
18 permitted to vote or hold public office. Nor shall any per-
19 son whose source of income is derived from the proceeds
20 of any illegal traffic be permitted to hold public office.

Second. A penalty of not less than one hundred dollars
2 for each offense, and thirty days imprisonment in the state's
3 prison shall be imposed on each person who violates this
4 statute. Charges may be preferred by complaint in the
5 usual forms of criminal procedures. By complaint of three
6 persons who shall sign said complaint and make oath before
7 any justice of the peace that said person has violated this
8 statute. This law shall take effect upon its passage. All
9 other laws passed by previous legislation to the contrary
10 notwithstanding.