

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 219

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1917.*

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

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Brewster of Portland.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 20 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to the registration of voters.

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

Section 20 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of 1916  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "they," the  
3 first word in the fifth line of Section 20, and inserting in  
4 its place the words 'any member of said Board,' so that  
5 said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. When the right of any person to have his name  
2 placed upon such list is challenged by any qualified elector,

3 or when the right of any person to have his name remain  
4 upon such list is so challenged, before said board shall add  
5 to or strike from said list the name of any such person, any  
6 member of said board shall issue a notice and summons to  
7 said person so challenged and allow him a reasonable oppor-  
8 tunity to be heard. Such notice and summons shall be  
9 served upon such person by an officer selected by the board,  
10 by giving him in hand or by leaving at his last and usual  
11 place of abode, an attested copy of said notice and summons,  
12 at least six hours before the closing of the final session of  
13 the board devoted to the revision and correction of the  
14 voting lists. Said person and said board may also summon  
15 and examine other witnesses before said board concerning  
16 his right to vote, and if it appears to said board that such  
17 person is not or will not be qualified to vote at such election,  
18 they shall cause his name to be erased from said list and not  
19 add it thereto. And the list of voters in cities made under  
20 this chapter shall state the street, and so far as practicable,  
21 the number of the street where each voter resides. The  
22 residence of a voter as stated upon the list of voters used  
23 at the last preceding election, shall be deemed his last and  
24 usual place of abode, unless he shall have given notice in  
25 writing, over his own signature, or in person to the city  
26 clerk of a change of his residence, which notice, if given  
27 after the first day of April, shall entitle him to have his  
28 residence so corrected on the voting list to be used at the  
29 next subsequent election, but shall not entitle him to have

30 his registration otherwise changed nor to vote in ward or  
31 precinct other than that in which he resided on said first  
32 day of April. Said clerk shall keep a record of all notices  
33 of change of residence, which record shall at all times be  
34 open to public inspection.'