

#### NEW DRAFT.

### SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

### HOUSE

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to the term of office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section one of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence
3 thereof and inserting in its place the following: 'A com4 missioner of agriculture shall be elected by the Legislature
5 by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in con6 vention, and shall hold his office for the term of four years
7 and until his successor is elected and qualified,' and said
8 section is further amended by adding at the end thereof the
9 following: 'This act shall take effect January first, nineteen

10 hundred nineteen,' so that said section as amended shall 11 read as follows:

'A state department of agriculture shall be maintained for 2 the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the 3 interests of husbandry. A commissioner of agriculture 4 shall be elected by the Legislature by joint ballot of the 5 senators and representatives in convention, and shall hold 6 his office for the term of four years and until his succes-7 sor is elected and qualified. He shall give bond in the sum 8 of ten thousand dollars to the state, with sufficient sureties, 9 or with a surety company authorized to do business in the 10 state, as surety, to be approved by the treasurer of state, 11 conditioned to faithfully account for all moneys received 12 and disbursed by him as said commissioner. This act shall 13 take effect January first, nineteen hundred nineteen.'