

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

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NO. 111

*In Senate, Feb. 7, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary pro tem.*

*Presented by Mr. Swift of Kennebec.*

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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 in Relation to Boards of Registration of Voters.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes  
2 of Maine is hereby amended by striking out the words  
3 "thirty-five hundred" in the third, sixth, and eleventh lines  
4 thereof respectively and inserting in place thereof the words  
5 'three thousand;' so that said section as amended shall read  
6 as follows:

'Sect. 5. In each city of the state having three thousand  
2 or more inhabitants, a board of registration appointed as  
3 provided in the following section shall have exclusive power

4 and authority to make up, correct and revise the list of voters  
5 in each of said cities. In all cities having less than three  
6 thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers shall make such  
7 list, exercising the same powers and being governed by the  
8 same laws as municipal officers of towns having five hun-  
9 dred or more registered voters ; provided that no city having  
10 a board of registration shall be deprived of said board of  
11 registration by reason of the population thereof becoming  
12 less than three thousand.'

Sect. 2. Section 40 of said Chapter 5 of the Revised Stat-  
utes of Maine is hereby amended by striking out the words  
3 "thirty-five hundred" in the fourth line thereof and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the words 'three thousand;' so that said  
5 section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 40. In all towns, cities not included, having five  
2 hundred or more registered voters, and in all cities having  
3 less than three thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers  
4 shall receive applications of persons claiming a right to vote,  
5 on the three secular days next preceding the day of election,  
6 and no application shall be received after the hour of five  
7 in the afternoon on the secular day next preceding the day  
8 of election ; and no names shall be added to the list of voters  
9 on the day of election, by certificate or otherwise, except  
10 such as were upon the list used at the last preceding election,  
11 and have been inadvertently omitted by the selectmen; and  
12 on that day no change shall be made in names except to  
13 correct clerical errors therein.'