

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 169

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House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cowan of Winterport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Two of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes Relating to Qualifications of Voters.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "established" in the twelfth line of said section the following words: 'and such right to vote at national and state elections in such city, town or plantation shall continue for a period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Every male citizen who had the right to vote

2 on the fourth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 three, together with those who were sixty years of age and  
4 upwards on said day; and every male citizen, excepting  
5 paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed,  
6 who, not being prevented by physical disability from so do-  
7 ing, is able to read the constitution of the state in the Eng-  
8 lish language, in such manner as to show that he is neither  
9 prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write his name,  
10 and who is twenty-one years of age or upwards, and shall  
11 have his residence established in this state for the term of  
12 three months next preceding any national, state, city or town  
13 election, shall have the right to vote at every such election  
14 in the city, town or plantation where his residence is so  
15 established, and such right to vote at national and state  
16 elections in such city, town or plantation shall continue for  
17 a period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he  
18 continues to reside in this state during said period; pro-  
19 vided, however, that his name has been properly entered  
20 upon the voting list of such city, town or plantation.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect only upon the adoption  
2 in September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, of the pro-  
3 posed amendment to the constitution providing for the con-  
4 tinuation of the right of suffrage to a person otherwise qual-  
5 ified to vote for governor, senator and representatives in  
6 this state, in the town or plantation where his residence for  
7 suffrage purposes has been established, for a period of three  
8 months after his removal therefrom to another town or

9 plantation within this state, and in case of such adoption,  
10 shall take effect on the day said constitutional amendment  
11 becomes effective.