

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 141

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Sections Two, Seven and Thirteen of Chapter One Hundred Eighty of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-nine, as Amended by Sections One, Two and Three of Chapter Five of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-nine, Relating to Annual Meetings of Protestant Episcopal Churches of the Diocese of Maine.

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

Section 1. Section two of "An Act to provide for the
2 organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church
3 in Maine," approved February twenty-six, eighteen hundred
4 and sixty-nine, amended by section one of chapter five of
5 the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-

6 nine, is hereby further amended by striking out the last six
 7 words, namely, "in the first week in Advent," and inserting
 8 in place thereof the words 'at such time in January as such
 9 parish shall designate,' so that said section as amended shall
 10 read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Said agreement shall also contain, first, the name
 2 or title by which the parish shall be known, which shall be
 3 as follows, namely: The rector, wardens and vestrymen of
 4 church in; but no parish shall
 5 be organized in any town or city, bearing the same name
 6 with any other Protestant Episcopal church already or-
 7 ganized therein; second, the town or city and county in
 8 which it is located; third, the number of vestrymen, not
 9 exceeding eleven, and the time of the annual meeting, which
 10 shall be at such time in January as such parish shall desig-
 11 nate.'

Sect. 2. Section seven of said act, as amended by section
 2 two of said chapter five of the private and special laws
 3 of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby further
 4 amended by striking out the words "in the first week in
 5 advent as may have been agreed upon" and inserting in
 6 place thereof the words 'in January as such parish shall
 7 designate,' so that said section as amended shall read as
 8 follows:

'Sect. 7. The annual meeting shall take place at such
 2 time in January as such parish shall designate, and at such
 3 annual meeting an election of the requisite number of ward-

4 ens and vestrymen shall be had, to serve until the next
5 annual meeting, and until their successors shall be chosen.'

Sect. 3. Section thirteen of said act, as amended by sec-
2 tion three of chapter five of the private and special laws
3 of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out the words "in the first week in
5 Advent" in the seventh line of said section and inserting in
6 place thereof the words 'in January,' so that said section as
7 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. Upon such execution, acknowledgment and
2 recording of such agreement, such parish shall, without
3 further action, be deemed to all intents and purposes re-
4 organized, and all rights of property and of contract shall
5 remain unimpaired, and the corporate identity of such par-
6 ish shall continue unchanged. The wardens and vestry-
7 men in office shall continue therein until the annual election
8 in January next following such reorganization, and until
9 a new board shall be chosen, and no other meeting or no-
10 tice shall be necessary to complete such reorganization;
11 provided, that when a new board shall be chosen, it shall
12 consist of the number of vestrymen required by such arti-
13 cles of reorganization.'