

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 43

In Senate, February 9, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Garcelon of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Filling of Vacancies in the Office of United States Senator by Appointment, and to Amend Section Forty-two of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes Relating Thereto.

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

Section 1. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the state in the Senate of the United States by reason of death or resignation, or from any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled at the next general election, provided the vacancy occurs not less than sixty days prior thereto; otherwise, at the general election following. If the Senate is in session when such vacancy occurs, or should a session

8 thereof be called before the next general election, the gov-
9 ernor may appoint some suitable person to be senator until
10 his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Sect. 2. Section forty-two of chapter seven of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second
3 line thereof the words "in the Senate of the United States
4 or"; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 42. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representa-
2 tion of the state in the national house of representatives,
3 the governor, in any manner having knowledge thereof,
4 shall issue his proclamation for an election to fill the same.
5 If congress is in session when such vacancy occurs, the
6 proclamation shall issue forthwith; otherwise, in season to
7 secure representation at the next called or regular session
8 of congress.'