

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 164**

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In Senate, March 25, 1921.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Garcelon of Androscoggin.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Nineteen of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Sixty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Relating to Sessions of Boards of Registration.

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

Section nineteen of chapter five of the revised statutes, as  
2 amended by chapter sixty-nine of the public laws of nine-  
3 teen hundred seventeen, is hereby further amended; so that  
4 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 19. In cities of over fifty thousand inhabitants said  
2 boards of registration shall be in session on each of the  
3 thirty secular days next prior to any election; on the first  
4 eighteen of said secular days in open session from nine in

5 the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three  
6 to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to nine  
7 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive evidence touching the  
8 qualifications of voters therein, and to revise and correct the  
9 voting lists, and on the latter twelve of said secular days in  
10 closed session to enable the board to verify the correctness  
11 of said lists and to complete and close up its records of said  
12 sessions; in cities of less than fifty thousand and over twenty-five  
13 thousand inhabitants, said boards shall be in session  
14 on each of the sixteen secular days next prior to any election;  
15 the first ten days thereof in open session, and the latter six  
16 days thereof in closed session, during the hours and  
17 for the purposes as above provided; in cities of less than  
18 twenty-five and over ten thousand inhabitants, ten secular  
19 days, the first seven days in open session and the latter three  
20 days in closed session, as above provided; and in cities  
21 of less than ten thousand inhabitants, six secular days, the  
22 first four days in open session and the latter two days in  
23 closed session. No name, except as hereinafter provided,  
24 shall be added to or stricken from the general register of  
25 voters after nine o'clock in the afternoon of the last of  
26 said days devoted to registration as above. Said board shall  
27 not place upon said voting lists during said revision of the  
28 same, the name of any person who shall not personally appear  
29 before said board in open session and request it; but  
30 nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to require  
31 any voter, whose name is already upon any ward list and  
32 who afterwards moves from said ward to any other ward

33 in said city, to appear personally before said board in order  
34 that his name may be transferred from one ward list to an-  
35 other. On the last of said secular days devoted to the com-  
36 pletion of the records as above provided, the sessions of the  
37 board shall close at five o'clock in the afternoon, and certi-  
38 fied copies of said voting lists shall at that hour be delivered  
39 to the clerks of said cities and receipts taken therefor. The  
40 wardens of cities shall be governed by said revised and cor-  
41 rected lists; and no names shall be added to or stricken  
42 from said lists on the day of election, except as hereinafter  
43 provided, and no person shall vote at any election whose  
44 name is not on said lists. No board of registration shall be  
45 answerable for any omission of a name or residence from  
46 said voting lists or for any error in the same, unless such  
47 name and residence are correctly entered in said general  
48 register of voters; but on the day of election said board  
49 shall be in session, and shall give to any voter whose name  
50 at said previous session has been erroneously stricken from  
51 said general register or omitted from said voting list, or in  
52 whose name or residence as placed on said voting list a  
53 clerical error has been made, a certificate signed by a ma-  
54 jority of the board, giving the corrected name and residence  
55 of such person, and directed to the officer presiding over  
56 the election; such officer shall on receipt of such certificate,  
57 allow the person therein named to vote and shall check his  
58 name on said certificate, and securely attach said certificate  
59 to said voting list.'