

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 97

H. P. 381

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Powers of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to the Town Clerk's Duties at Town
Meetings.

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

Section eighteen of chapter four of the revised statutes, 2 is hereby amended by inserting, in the first line thereof, 3 before the word "during," the following:

'The clerk shall call the meeting to order, and shall then 2 read the warrant for such meeting, together with the offi- 3 cer's return thereon, except that at the annual meeting if 4 a copy of such warrant is inserted in the printed report, 5 provided by section forty-five of chapter four of the re- 6 vised statutes, the reading of the several articles therein 7 may be omitted, unless the town, by majority vote, other-

8 wise orders,' so that said section as amended shall read as
9 follows:

'Sect. 18. The clerk shall call the meeting to order, and
2 shall then read the warrant for such meeting, together with
3 the officer's return thereon, except that at the annual meet-
4 ing, if a copy of such warrant is inserted in the printed
5 report provided by section forty-five of chapter four of
6 the revised statutes, the reading of the several articles there-
7 in may be omitted, unless the town, by majority vote, other-
8 wise orders. During the election of moderator the clerk
9 shall preside; when he is absent from any such meeting,
10 either of the selectmen or of the assessors, and if neither
11 of those is present, any constable may do all the duties of
12 clerk in receiving and counting the votes for moderator.
13 The moderator may call on the voters to give in their bal-
14 lots for a clerk pro tempore, who shall be sworn by the
15 moderator, or by a justice of the peace.'