

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 279

In Senate, March 24, 1927.

Tabled by Senator Carter of Androscoggin pending passage.
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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spear of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

SENATE ORDER Relative to Investigation of Elections.

Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint select com-
2 mittee of two on the part of the Senate, of whom one shall
3 be of the majority party and one of the minority party,
4 with three on the part of the House, of whom two shall be
5 of the majority party and one shall be of the minority party,
6 be appointed to investigate, either upon its own motion, or
7 upon written complaint when by it deemed advisable, the
8 expenses paid or incurred by any candidate for any office
9 at any state election held since the first day of May, nine-
10 teen hundred twenty-six; also to investigate the expenses
11 paid or incurred by any candidate for office at any elec-
12 tion, primary or state, which hereafter may be held prior

13 to the first day of January, nineteen hundred twenty-nine.
14 Ordered, further, that said committee shall sit during the
15 recess between the adjournment of the present legislature
16 and the convening of the eighty-fourth legislature and shall
17 report its findings to said eighty-fourth legislature. Said
18 committee is specifically clothed with full authority to sum-
19 mon witnesses, including such candidates, to appear before
20 it, to cause such witnesses to produce books, memoranda,
21 papers, vouchers, checks, agreements, correspondence and
22 copies thereof, and to give evidence pertaining to the in-
23 quiry with which the committee is charged; said commit-
24 tee is authorized to promulgate such rules regarding pro-
25 cedure and evidence as it deems necessary; also to employ
26 counsel, auditors, stenographers and other assistance for the
27 purpose of making said investigation. Said committee shall
28 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for its
29 expenses. All expenses connected with said investigation
30 shall be paid from funds in the state treasury not other-
31 wise appropriated and the approval by a majority of said
32 committee of any and all accounts and vouchers shall be
33 sufficient authority for the payment thereof by the state
34 treasurer.