

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 141

S. P. 191

In Senate, January 24, 1935.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burkett of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Qualification of Voters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 6, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Qualifications of voters. Every citizen who had the right to vote on the 4th day of January, 1893, together with those who were 60 years of age and upwards on said day, and every citizen, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, who, not being prevented by physical disability from so doing, is able to read the constitution of the state in the English language in such manner as to show that he is neither prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write his name, and who is 21 years of age or upwards, and shall have his residence established in this state for the term of ~~three~~ 6 months next preceding any national, state, city, or town election shall have the right to vote at every such election in the city, town, or plantation where his residence is so established; and such right to vote at national and state elections in such city, town, or plantation shall continue for a period of ~~three~~ 6 months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; provided, however, that his name has been properly entered upon the voting list of such city, town or plantation.'

Sec. 2. Subject to referendum provided for. This act shall take effect when the resolve passed by the eighty-seventh legislature providing for an amendment to section 1 of article 2, as amended by articles XXIX and XLIV, of the constitution of the state therein, providing for longer residence to qualify as voter, is adopted by the people and proclaimed law by the governor as required by the constitution.