

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Transmitted from the Revisor of Statutes under Joint Order)

H. P. 1523 House of Representatives, February 14, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leveque of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Primary Election Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 7, § 16, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 16 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘The governor and council, by the 1st Tuesday of July in each year in which a primary election is held hereunder, shall open and compare the votes so returned hereunder, and have the same tabulated, and forthwith thereafter have forwarded to each candidate a copy of said tabulations of his precinct or district, and may receive testimony on oath to prove that the return from any city, town, or plantation does not agree with the record of the vote of such city, town or plantation in the number of votes or the names of the persons voted for, and to prove which of them is correct; and the return, when found to be erroneous, may be corrected by the record. No such correction can be made without application ~~within fourteen days after the returns are opened and tabulated, stating the error alleged~~ **therefor made in accordance with the provisions of section 17 hereof**, nor without reasonable notice thereof given to the person affected by such cor-

rection, and during ~~said fourteen days~~ **a period of 14 days after such tabulation** any person voted for may personally, and by or with counsel, examine said returns in the presence of the governor and council, or either of them, or any member of council, or the secretary of state.'

Sec. 2. R. S. c. 7, § 17, amended. The 4th sentence of section 17 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Upon written application filed with the secretary of state within 10 days after the returns are opened ~~and~~, **tabulated and copies of such tabulations forwarded to the candidates**, alleging that the return or record of the vote cast in any town does not correctly state the vote as actually cast in such town, and specifying the offices as to which such errors are believed to have occurred, the secretary of state shall direct such clerk to forward to him forthwith the ballots cast in said town.'