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H. P. 1343

House of Representatives, March 20, 1945.

Reported by Mr. Ward from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Filling Congressional Vacancies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 72, repealed and replaced. Section 72 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 72. Election to fill United States senate vacancy; temporary appointments.** Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the state in the senate of the United States, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term at the following biennial state election, provided such vacancy occurs not less than 60 days prior to the date of the primaries for nominating candidates to be voted for at such election; otherwise at the biennial state election next following. Pending such election, the governor shall make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until the election and qualification of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 72-A, additional. Chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 72-A, to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 72-A. Election to fill vacancy in national house of representatives.** Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the state in the na-

tional house of representatives, the governor, in any manner having knowledge thereof, shall issue his proclamation for an election to fill the same. If congress is in session when such vacancy occurs, the proclamation shall issue forthwith; otherwise, in season to secure representation at the next called or regular session of congress.'