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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Doucette of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications of Voters.

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

R. S., c. 3, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 3 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 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~~ 18 years of age or upwards, and shall have his residence established in this state for the term of 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 3 months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during that period; provided, however, that his name has been properly entered upon the voting

list of such city, town, or plantation. The fact that the money for the payment of the wages of any person employed by any city or town is derived from relief funds shall not operate to give such person the status of a pauper so that he shall be denied on that account the right to vote.'