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Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Election Counters After Closing of Polls.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 39, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 39 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘The ballots shall be sorted and counted in open ward or town meeting by election officials who shall be duly sworn by the city or town clerks and who shall be considered public officials. **Provided, however, that the municipal officers of cities, towns and plantations may appoint election counters for each voting place in cities, towns and plantations who shall be sworn and shall either assist the election officials in the sorting and counting of ballots or shall by themselves sort and count ballots.** No person in the employ of any political party or its agents or in the employ of any candidate for election or his agent or in the employ of any corporation interested in any referendum within 6 months next prior to the election or referendum shall serve as an election officer. The ballots counted by the election officers **or election counters** shall be made up into secure packages and each such package shall have plainly written or stamped thereon the names of the officials counting the ballots in such package; and all such election officers **or election counters** shall sign and file with such package a statement of their county thereof.’