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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Election Returns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 4, § 29, amended. The 5th sentence of section 29 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Returns shall be ~~attested~~ signed by the selectmen and ~~attested~~ by the town clerk, in towns, and signed by the assessors and ~~attested~~ by the clerk in plantations, in like manner as at the biennial election for governor.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 4, § 29, amended. The 7th sentence of section 29 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'In cities, the warden shall preside, as required by law at state elections, receive the votes of all qualified voters present, and, as herein required in case of town meetings, sort, count and declare the result in open ward meeting, and in the presence of the ward clerk, who shall make return and record thereof, as in towns, and a fair copy of the record shall be ~~attested~~ signed by the warden and ~~attested~~ by the ward clerk, sealed up in open ward meeting and delivered to the city clerk within 24 hours after the closing of the polls.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 5, § 43, amended. Section 43 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 43. Clerk to transmit returns of votes to secretary of state. The clerk of each town shall cause to be delivered at the office of the secretary of state the returns of votes given in his town for governor, senators, representatives to the legislature, United States senators, representatives to congress, presidential electors, and county officers, within 3 days next succeeding any meeting for their election, or shall deposit them, post-paid, in some post-office, directed to the secretary of state, within 24 hours after such meeting, to be transmitted by mail; ~~and shall also forward to that office, as soon as practicable, a statement attested by him of the number of votes for the several officers, given at such election in his town, which.~~ **The returns** shall be opened and filed by the secretary of state, and kept for public examination.'