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Legislative Document

No. 514

H. P. 506

House of Representatives, February 10, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Davis of Harrison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relative to Sunday Hunting.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 66, amended. Section 66 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66. Hunting on Sunday regulated. It shall be unlawful to hunt on Sunday, except that residents upon payment of \$2.25 and non-residents upon payment of \$10.25, 25c of which shall be retained by the issuing clerk, may obtain licenses from the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to hunt small game and game birds with shotguns on Sundays during the open season. Provided, however, that hunting on Sunday shall be unlawful during the open season on deer in the various counties. Further provided that Sunday shall be a closed season on bear and that no person shall hunt on Sundays with a shotgun loaded in either chamber or have in possession while in the fields or forests or on the waters of the state any cartridges loaded with any shot or load larger than No. 6 shot.

All funds received under this section shall be used for propagation and protection of game.'

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,

towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall an Act Relative to Sunday Hunting, passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective as of the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.