

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1860.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 23, 1820, February 26,
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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1860.

CHAP. 127. Tuesday of December in each year, in addition to the sessions now provided by law.

[Approved January 27, 1860.]

Chapter 127.

An act requiring notice of petitions for legislation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Notice of petitions affecting individuals or corporations, how to be given.

—how to be published.

—last publication of.

—if insufficient.

—affecting town or county, how served and published.

—not given and proved, effect.

—service of, by what officer.
—how proved.

Acts inconsistent repealed.

SECT. 1. Notice of any petition to be presented to the legislature for legislation affecting the rights of individuals or corporations, may be given by serving such individuals and corporations with a true copy of the petition at least fourteen days before the commencement of the next session, or by publishing such copy three weeks successively in some newspaper printed in the counties in which such individuals reside or such corporations are established; or if no newspaper be there published, then in the paper published by the printer to the state, the last publication to be at least fourteen days before the session, and if further service be deemed necessary, or if defective or insufficient, further notice may be ordered.

SECT. 2. Notice of any petition affecting the rights and interests of any town or county may be given by serving such town with a true copy of the petition at least fourteen days before the session, and to such county by publishing in the manner prescribed in the preceding section.

SECT. 3. Petitions mentioned in the preceding sections and notice not proved in the manner prescribed, shall be referred with an order of notice to the next succeeding legislature.

SECT. 4. Service of the notice may be made by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or coroner, and proved by the proper return of such officer and also by acknowledgment in writing of the adverse party on the petition, or if the notice is given by publication, then by the newspapers or the affidavit of the printer.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, but the provisions of an act approved April fourth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, which shall apply to such class of petitions as are mentioned in this act, shall remain in force during this session of the legislature, but the service of notice and proof of the same may be as provided in this act.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved January 31, 1860.]