

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1869.

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1869.

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CHAP. 67.

An act to regulate the organization of the legislature.

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

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state, on or before the day preceding the meeting of the legislature annually to furnish to the secretary of the preceding senate a certified roll, under the seal of the state, of the names and residences of senators elect as appears by the report of the governor and council; and to the clerk of the preceding house of representatives a certified roll, under the seal of the state, of the names and residences of the representatives elect as appears by the report of the governor and council, and also to report the vacancies if any exist.

Secretary of state to furnish secretary of senate and clerk of house with certified lists of members elect.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the preceding senate at the time and place appointed for the meeting of the legislature to call the senators elect present to order, and from the certified roll furnished him as aforesaid call the names of senators elect, and if a quorum respond, he shall preside until the qualification of the senators elect and a president is elected; if no quorum appear he shall preside and the senators elect present shall adjourn from day to day but transact no business except to go into convention to fill vacancies until a quorum appear, and are qualified and a president is elected. And it shall be the duty of the clerk of the preceding house of representatives in like manner to call the representatives elect present to order and preside until the qualification of the representatives elect and election of speaker; if no quorum appear he shall preside and the representatives elect present shall adjourn from day to day, until a quorum appear, and are qualified and a speaker is elected.

Duty of secretary of senate at organization.

Duty of clerk of house of representatives at organization.

SECT. 3. In case of vacancy in the office of secretary of the preceding senate, or of clerk of the preceding house of representatives, or absence or inability of either to perform the duties prescribed in the preceding section, the same shall be performed by the assistant.

In case of vacancy of secretary or clerk, assistants to act.

SECT. 4. No person shall be allowed to vote or take part in the organization of either branch of the legislature as a member unless his name appears upon the certified roll of that branch of the legislature in which he claims to act.

Only those whose names are on the certified lists to take part in organization.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 12, 1869.