

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

An act to amend section three, chapter seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to election returns.

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

Sec 3, ch. 7,
R. S., amended.

Section three, chapter seven of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out the words "during the first week in," in the eighth and ninth lines, and inserting, instead thereof, the words, 'on or before the first day of;' also, by striking out the words "during said first week in December," in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section, and inserting the word 'forthwith,' after the word "shall," in said fourteenth line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Meetings for election of register of deeds, how notified, held and regulated.

'SECT. 3. The meetings for election of register of deeds shall be notified, held, and regulated, and the votes received, sorted, counted, declared, and recorded, in the same manner as votes for representatives, and fair copies of the lists of votes shall be attested by the municipal officers and clerks of towns and sealed up in open town meeting; and the town clerks shall cause them to be delivered into the office of the secretary of state within thirty days next succeeding any meeting for their election. And the governor and council shall, on or before the first day of December following, open and examine the same, and also the lists of votes of citizens in the military service returned to said office under the provisions of the law in that behalf. They shall have the same power to correct errors as is conferred by section five of chapter seventy-eight; and they shall, forthwith, issue certificates of election to such persons as have a plurality of all the votes for each county or registry district; and the person thus elected, and having given the bond required in section four, duly approved by the county commissioners, shall hold his office for the term of five years from the first day of January thereafter and until another shall be chosen and qualified.'

Lists of votes to be delivered into office of secretary of state.

Governor and council shall examine lists of votes, on or before December first.

—may correct errors.

—shall issue certificates of election.

Tenure of office.

Approved February 7, 1877.