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Chapter 108.

An Act to Amend Section Ten of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes Relating to Disposition of Unused Ballots on Election Day.

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

R. S., c. 7, § 10, relating to disposition of ballots, on election day, amended. Section ten of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting the word 'entire' before the words "second set" in the nineteenth line thereof, and by adding after the last word of said section, the following: 'and shall be transmitted in like manner to the secretary of state as provided in section forty-five of this chapter. If said second set of ballots shall not be required for use as above, the same shall be kept intact by said city, town or plantation clerks for a period of three months from the day of election for which said ballots were provided, during which time any person who was a candidate on said ballot may inspect said second set of ballots at the office of the city, town or plantation clerk under the supervision of said clerk,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 10. Entire second set of ballots to be sent to polling place if needed. When not needed at election, second set of ballots to be retained by town clerk for three months, subject to inspection.** The several city, town and plantation clerks, or municipal officers, shall send to the presiding election officer or officers of such voting place before the opening of the polls on the day of election one set of ballots so prepared, sealed and marked for such voting place, and a receipt of such delivery shall be returned to them from the presiding election officer or officers present, which receipt, with a record of the number of ballots sent, shall be kept in the clerk's office for one year. At the opening of the polls in each polling place the seals of the packages shall be publicly broken, and the packages shall be opened by the presiding election officer or officers, and the packages, books or blocks of ballots shall be delivered to the ballot clerks hereinafter provided for. The cards of instructions shall be immediately posted at or in each voting shelf or compartment provided in accordance with this chapter for the marking of ballots, and not less than three such cards and not less than five specimen ballots shall be immediately posted in or about the polling rooms outside the guard rails. The second set of ballots shall be retained by the respective city, town and plantation clerks until they are called for or needed for the purposes of voting, and upon the requisition in writing of the presiding election officer or officers of any voting place, the entire second set of ballots shall be furnished to such voting place in the manner above provided as to the first set, and shall be transmitted in like manner to the secretary of state as provided in section forty-five of this chapter. If said second set of ballots shall not be required for use as above, the same shall be kept intact by said city, town or plantation clerks for a period of three months from the day of election for which said ballots were provided, during which time any person who was a candidate on said ballot may inspect

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said second set of ballots at the office of the city, town or plantation clerk under the supervision of said clerk.'

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Chapter 109.

An Act Additional to Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Imposing an Added Duty on Boards of Registration and Municipal Officers Acting as a Board of Registration.

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

R. S., c. 5, relating to registration of voters, supplemented. The following section is hereby added to chapter five of the revised statutes:

'Sec. 47. Boards of registration and municipal officers acting as such, when registering voter coming from another town in state, shall notify officers of latter town. Whenever an applicant for registration before any board of registration or the municipal officers of any town, acting as a board of registration, states his last voting place as a city or town in the state of Maine, and the board determines that the applicant is entitled to register, it shall immediately notify by mail the board of the city or town where such person last voted, of such registration and the board, receiving such notice, shall at its first meeting strike from its list the said name, if satisfied as to the identity of the person.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 110.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Guaranty Capital of Mutual Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 53, § 57, relating to the organization of mutual insurance companies, amended. That section fifty-seven of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes be amended by adding thereto the following: "The holders of such guaranty capital may receive dividends for the like amount provided for the guaranty capital of mutual fire insurance companies in section fifty-six, and said guaranty capital may be retired in the same manner as provided in said section and amendments thereto', so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 57. Holders of guaranty capital may receive dividends. How capital may be retired. Any mutual insurance company may be organized under the provisions of sections fifty-five to sixty-six, inclusive, with a guaranty capital of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and no policy shall be issued by such corporation until one fourth, at least, of its guaranty capital has been paid in, in cash, and invested as provided in section twenty. The