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## Eightieth Legislature

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## STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 68.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-two of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Compensation of Boards of Registration.

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

**R. S., c. 5, § 22; relating to the compensation of members of board of registration of voters, amended.** Section twenty-two of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "compensation not exceeding five dollars a day, to" in the sixth line of said section and inserting in the place thereof the words 'such compensation as may,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 22. Provision limiting per diem to \$5 repealed.** The president of such board shall receive five dollars for each day that the board shall be in session for the revision and correction of the voting lists and for completing the records thereof, and the other two members of said boards shall receive four dollars a day for such time. They shall also receive such compensation as may be fixed by the city council for such time as they are necessarily employed in making up and preparing such lists of voters, together with reasonable and necessary expenses including blank books, stationery and the necessary assistance of clerks, all of which shall be paid by the city where such board is established, and each of said cities shall provide a suitable place for holding the sessions of said board, and pay for the services of such officers as said board may employ and have in attendance to preserve order and execute its precepts. All witness fees shall be paid at the established rates of fees before municipal courts.'

Approved March 30, 1921.

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## Chapter 69.

An Act to Establish the Fiscal Year of the State.

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

**Sec. 1. State fiscal year to end June 30th.** The fiscal year for all state officers, departments, boards and institutions of the state is hereby fixed to begin on the first day of July and to end on the last day of June of each year.

**Sec. 2. Departments required to submit reports shall include extra six months in first report.** All departments now required by law to submit an annual or biennial report shall, beginning July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit such report annually or biennially as required by law for the fiscal year or years, defined above. Pro-

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vided, however, that each department required to make an annual report shall on July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit a report for the eighteen months beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one and ending on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and each department required to make a biennial report shall on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit a report for the eighteen months beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

Approved March 30, 1921.

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## Chapter 70.

An Act Authorizing Towns to Elect Certain Municipal Officers by Secret Ballot.

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

**Sec. 1. Provisions must be accepted by town at legal meeting before applicable.** Any town in Maine may, at any legal meeting called by a warrant containing an article for the purpose, accept the provisions of this act and when so accepted, all elections for town officers now required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall thereafter be in accordance with the provisions herein provided, except the moderator, who shall be chosen as now provided by law.

**Sec. 2. At same meeting provisions are accepted voters shall determine what officers are to be elected by ballot and no change to be made except at a legal meeting.** When any town so accepts the provisions of this act it shall at the same time or meeting determine what officers, if any, not now required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be chosen in the manner herein provided. All such matters shall be stated in the warrant calling such meeting. No change shall be thereafter made in the officers to be chosen by ballot or in the number or terms thereof except at a meeting held at least thirty days before any annual town election.

**Sec. 3. Opening and closing of polls.** All warrants for town meetings for the election of officers as herein provided shall specify the time of opening the polls and the time when the same may be closed; but the polls shall be kept open at least four hours, and the method of voting shall be as in gubernatorial elections.

**Sec. 4. Nomination of candidates, how made.** Nominations for candidates may be made at a caucus, or by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by qualified voters of said town not less in number than one for every fifty voters, who have registered for the last