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days, the first seven days in open session and the latter three days in closed session, as above provided; and in cities of less than ten thousand inhabitants, six secular days, the first four days in open session and the latter two days in closed session. No name, except as hereinafter provided, shall be added to or stricken from the general register of voters after nine o'clock in the afternoon of the last of said days devoted to registration as above. Said board shall not place upon said voting lists during said revision of the same, the name of any person who shall not personally appear before said board in open session and request it; but nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to require any voter, whose name is already upon any ward list and who afterwards moves from said ward to any other ward in said city, to appear personally before said board in order that his name may be transferred from one ward list to another. On the last of said secular days devoted to the completion of the records as above provided, the sessions of the board shall close at five o'clock in the afternoon, and certified copies of said voting lists shall at that hour be delivered to the clerks of said cities and receipts taken therefor. The wardens of cities shall be governed by said revised and corrected lists; and no names shall be added to or stricken from said lists on the day of election, except as hereinafter provided, and no person shall vote at any election whose name is not on said lists. No board of registration shall be answerable for any omission of a name or residence from said voting lists or for any error in the same, unless such name and residence are correctly entered in said general register of voters; but on the day of election said board shall be in session, and shall give to any voter whose name at said previous session has been erroneously stricken from said general register or omitted from said voting list, or in whose name or residence as placed on said voting list a clerical error has been made, a certificate signed by a majority of the board, giving the corrected name and residence of such person, and directed to the officer presiding over the election; such officer shall on receipt of such certificate, allow the person therein named to vote and shall check his name on said certificate, and securely attach said certificate to said voting list.'

Approved April 9, 1921.

Chapter 172.

An Act to Amend Chapter Two, Section Eighty-one of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Election of the State Auditor.

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

R. S., c. 2, § 81; relating to the election of the state auditor, amended. Chapter two, section eighty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting between the words "auditor" and "shall"

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in the first line of said section the words 'who shall be a competent accountant' and by striking out all the words in the third sentence of said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 81. Number of terms not limited. A state auditor who shall be a competent accountant shall be elected by the electors of the state qualified to vote for governor, biennially, on the second Monday of September; he shall hold his office for two years from the first day of January next succeeding his election. He shall give to the treasurer of state a bond, for the faithful discharge of his duties, in an amount and with sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. In case a vacancy occurs, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint a person to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 173.

An Act to Establish the State School Fund and to Provide for the Apportionment of the Same.

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

Sec. 1. State school fund, for maintenance and support of elementary and secondary schools, how created. A tax of three and one-third mills on a dollar shall annually be assessed upon all the property in the state according to the value thereof and said tax shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other state taxes and be paid into the state treasury. To the fund resulting from said tax the treasurer of state annually shall add a sum equal to six per cent of the permanent school fund, as provided by law, and a sum equal to one-half the amount received by the state from the franchises of savings banks and on the deposits of trust and banking companies, as provided by law. The sum total of the amount so assessed and collected shall be designated the state school fund and after the deduction therefrom of all funds and appropriations which the treasurer of state is authorized by law to deduct, the balance shall be distributed among the several cities, towns and plantations of the state in the manner provided for by this act to be expended by said cities, towns and plantations for the maintenance and support of elementary and secondary schools established and controlled by them.

Sec. 2. Terms defined. For the purposes of this act the following terms are defined: