

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 16

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In Senate, Jan. 15, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary Pro. Tem.

Presented by Senator Gannett of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT Granting to Women the Right to Vote for Presi-  
dential Electors.

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

Section 1. Every female citizen of the United States, of the  
2 age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers,  
3 persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, who,  
4 not being prevented by physical disability from so doing, is  
5 able to read the constitution of the state in the English lan-  
6 guage, in such manner as to show that she is neither  
7 prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write her name,  
8 and shall have her residence established in this state for the  
9 term of three months next preceding any national election,

10 shall be allowed to vote at such election in the city, town, or  
11 plantation where her residence is so established for Presi-  
12 dential Electors, provided that the names of such female  
13 shall have been entered upon the voting lists of such city,  
14 town, or plantation in the same manner as provided for  
15 male voters under the provisions of chapter 5, revised  
16 statutes of Maine, and all amendments thereof, entitled The  
17 Qualification and Registration of Voters, and provided that  
18 no female citizen of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote  
19 as aforesaid unless she has resided in the United States for  
20 at least five years.

Sect. 2. Boards of registration, municipal officers, select-  
2 men, and assessors, authorized under the provisions of chap-  
3 ter 5 of the Revised Statutes of Maine to prepare a voting  
4-list, shall enter thereon the names of all female voters quali-  
5 fied under the provisions of section 1 of this act in the same  
6 manner as male voters.