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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 157

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In Senate, March 1, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

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AN ACT to Amend Sections One and Three of Chapter Three Hundred Fifty of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter three hundred fifty of  
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the words "fifty-four" in the sev-  
4 enth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the  
5 words 'forty-eight,' so that said section as amended shall  
6 read as follows:

'Section 1. No male minor under sixteen years of age,

2 and no female shall be employed in any workshop, factory,  
3 manufacturing or mechanical establishment or laundry more  
4 than eight hours in any one day; except when a different  
5 apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole  
6 purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of  
7 the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed  
8 forty-eight in a week.'

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter three hundred fifty  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the words "fifty-four" in the fourth  
4 line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words  
5 'forty-eight,' so that said section as amended shall read as  
6 follows:

'Sect. 3. No male minor under sixteen years of age and  
2 no female shall be employed in any telephone exchange em-  
3 ploying more than three operators or in any mercantile  
4 establishment, store, restaurant, telegraph office or by any  
5 express or transportation company in the state of Maine  
6 more than forty-eight hours in any one week. The pro-  
7 visions of this section shall not apply between the seven-  
8 teenth day of December and the twenty-fourth day of De-  
9 cember, both inclusive, and shall not apply during the eight  
10 days prior to Easter Sunday to persons employed in milli-  
11 nery shops and stores. In case of emergency, in which  
12 there is danger to property, life, public safety or public  
13 health and in cases of extraordinary public requirement the

14 provisions of this act shall not apply to employers engaged  
15 in public service.'

The governor is hereby requested to issue his proclama-  
2 tion, referring the within act to the people, at a special elec-  
3 tion to be held not less than four or more than six months  
4 after such proclamation.