

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 319

House of Representatives, March 4, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Inspection and Recount of Ballots Cast
at Primary Elections.

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

The clerk of each city, town or plantation shall permit
2 any candidate or other interested person to inspect the bal-
3 lots cast at any primary election after the same have been
4 returned to him, under such reasonable regulations or re-
5 strictions consistent with the right of inspection as will
6 secure every ballot from loss, injury or change in any re-
7 spect. After each inspection the packages shall be again
8 sealed and the fact and date of inspection noted on the
9 package. Upon written application filed with the secre-

10 tary of state within fourteen days after the returns are
11 opened and tabulated, alleging that the return or record
12 of the vote cast in any town does not correctly state the
13 vote as actually cast in such town, and specifying the of-
14 fices as to which such errors are believed to have occurred,
15 the secretary of state shall direct such clerk to forward
16 to him forthwith the ballots cast in said town. The gov-
17 ernor and council in open meeting shall examine the bal-
18 lots cast in said town, and returned to the secretary of
19 state, and if such return or record is found to be erroneous
20 the return shall be corrected in accordance with the num-
21 ber of ballots found to have been actually cast in said
22 town; but no such examination of the ballots shall be
23 made without reasonable notice to all candidates upon the
24 ballot for the offices specified in the application as to which
25 such errors are alleged to have occurred, stating when
26 and where such examination will be made and affording
27 such candidates a reasonable opportunity to be present in
28 person or by counsel at such examination and be heard
29 in relation thereto.