

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 329

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 to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes Relating to Penalty for Violation of Provisions in Regard to Conduct of Primary Elections.

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

Section thirteen of chapter six of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the
3 following sentence: 'Every city, town or plantation clerk,
4 ward or election officer, or person voting, who shall wil-
5 fully violate any of the provisions of this section shall be
6 punished for each offence by a fine of not less than fifty
7 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprison-
8 ment in the county jail not exceeding six months.' So that
9 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. No person shall vote at any primary election
2 unless a legally qualified voter at such voting place, as
3 required by the preceding section, and, in all cities and
4 in towns of two thousand inhabitants or more, enrolled
5 as qualified to vote in the caucuses of his political party
6 in the manner provided by the general or special laws ap-
7 plicable to said cities, or any of them, or to said towns.
8 The selectmen of towns and the wardens of wards in cities
9 shall be seasonably furnished by the town or city clerk,
10 or other official charged with the duty of preserving the
11 same, with duly certified copies of all enrolment lists, ar-
12 ranging each political party separately and its names of
13 voters therein alphabetically. If not therein enrolled, any
14 voter qualified by law and this chapter as a legal voter
15 at such voting place, may be enrolled after subscribing
16 and making oath before a ballot clerk to the statement as
17 required by section thirty-nine of this chapter, and the
18 duties imposed upon the secretary of a caucus by said sec-
19 tion shall be performed by such ballot clerk. A suitable
20 number of such statements shall be furnished at each vot-
21 ing place by the city or town; if the number be insuffi-
22 cient, or none be furnished, the statement aforesaid may
23 be sworn to as aforesaid and return thereof made in like
24 manner as if the same had been subscribed. At the polling
25 places in the cities and towns aforesaid each person apply-
26 ing to vote shall give his name, residence, party affiliation,
27 and place of last enrolment, if any; if already enrolled in

28 the precinct he shall be given a ballot of his party, his
29 name shall be checked on the enrolment list, and he shall
30 be admitted to the voting booth and vote. If not enrolled
31 and then enrolled as hereinbefore provided, he shall be
32 given a ballot of his party, checked and may vote as afore-
33 said. In plantations and towns having less than two thou-
34 sand inhabitants, enrolment shall not be necessary and
35 any voter, legally qualified to vote therein, shall, upon
36 giving his name and party affiliation, be given a ballot
37 of his party, his name checked upon the voting list and he
38 shall be admitted to the voting booth and vote. No ballot
39 shall be received containing any distinguishing mark or
40 figures thereon other than as herein expressly permitted.
41 Every city, town or plantation clerk, ward or election offi-
42 cer, or person voting, who shall wilfully violate any of
43 the provisions of this section shall be punished for each
44 offence by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more
45 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county
46 jail not exceeding six months.'