

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 41**

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House of Representatives, January 26, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 300 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Requiring Political Advertisements to Be Signed.

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

Whoever writes, prints, posts or distributes, or causes to  
2 be written, printed, posted or distributed, a circular, poster  
3 or advertisement which is designated to promote the nom-  
4 ination or election of a candidate for public office or to  
5 injure and defeat the nomination or election of any candi-  
6 date for public office, or to influence the voters on any con-  
7 stitutional amendment, or to influence the vote of any mem-  
8 ber of the legislature, unless there appears upon such circu-  
9 lar or poster or advertisement, in a conspicuous place, either  
10 the name of the chairman or secretary or of two officers

11 of the organization issuing the same, or of the person who  
12 is responsible therefor, with his name and address, shall  
13 be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof  
14 shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, or im-  
15 prisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days, or by  
16 both such fine and imprisonment.

Provided, that nothing in this act shall apply to the edi-  
2 torial or news articles of any magazine or newspaper where  
3 the same is not a political advertisement, nor to cards, post-  
4 ers, lithographs, or circulars, issued by a candidate adver-  
5 tising his own candidacy.