

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1130

H. D. No. 376

House of Representatives, Mar. 11, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Nichols of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Number of Voting Compartments.

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

That section fourteen of chapter seven of the revised statutes be amended by striking out the word "one" at the end of line twenty-one in said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'two,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The municipal officers in each city, town or plantation, as aforesaid, shall cause the polling places therein to be suitably provided with a sufficient number of voting shelves and compartments, at or in which voters may conveniently mark their ballots so that in the marking thereof

6 they shall be screened from the observation of others, and
7 each voting shelf and compartment shall have a wooden
8 swing door so arranged that the top thereof shall be not
9 less than six feet from the floor and the bottom of the door
10 shall be at least two feet and six inches from the floor. And
11 such door shall be shut while the voter is within the com-
12 partment and no one shall be allowed therein with him, un-
13 less he calls for assistance in the marking of his ballot and
14 such assistance shall be so furnished according to the pro-
15 visions of this chapter, and a guard rail shall be so con-
16 structed and placed that only such persons as are inside
17 said rail can approach within six feet of the ballot boxes
18 and of such voting shelves and compartments. The ar-
19 rangement shall be such that the ballot boxes shall not be
20 hidden from the view of persons present and the voting
21 shelves and compartments shall be so arranged that the
22 door of each compartment shall be next to the guard rail,
23 so as to admit to full view of the persons just outside of
24 the guard rail those who enter and leave each compart-
25 ment. The number of such voting shelves and compart-
26 ments shall not be less than one for every two hundred vot-
27 ers qualified to vote at such polling place, and not less than
28 three in any town, and not less than five in any ward of a
29 city. No persons other than the election officers, election
30 clerks and voters admitted as hereinafter provided shall be
31 permitted within said rail, except by authority of the pre-
32 siding election officer or officers for the purpose of keeping

33 order and enforcing the law. Each voting shelf and com-
34 partment shall be kept provided with proper supplies and
35 conveniences for marking the ballots.'