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March 20, 1944

Mr. Galen Cleland
Calais, Maine

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant enclosing a copy of the notice of the days that your Board of Registration will be in session and in which you inquire about the procedure in registering a married woman who had heretofore been registered under her maiden name and who by reason of her marriage had assumed a new surname:

In your published notice you refer to the Public Laws of 1925, Chapter 145, approved April 7, 1925. This law, with some minor changes, was incorporated in the Revision of 1930 in Section 6 of Chapter 6. By Chapter 39, Laws of 1933, it was amended, to which law you may now refer, and which is very explicit. The substance of it is that whenever a registered woman voter shall assume through marriage or any process of law a new surname, she shall notify the Board of such change in person and the Board shall then register her again; and when the open session for registration is ended, nevertheless, before the close of the polls on the day of election, she may, upon presentation to the Board of a certificate of her marriage or of her change of name by process of law, have her name changed by the Board on the voting list and is entitled to a certificate from them directed to the officers presiding over the election, thus enabling her to vote at that time.

Very truly yours,

Abraham Breitbard
Deputy Attorney General

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