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The 1920 Primaries of the State of Maine



**A Compilation Prepared
under the Direction of
the Secretary of State
for the Benefit of Can-
didates in the 1920
Primaries.**

WHILE the Secretary of State is at all times very glad to furnish all possible information, candidates and others interested in the June primaries will save themselves much unnecessary inconvenience and will avoid needless delay if they will familiarize themselves with the following facts:

SIGNING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

Primary nomination papers must not be signed prior to January 1st, 1920, and must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before April 19, 1920. When filed there shall also be filed in writing the consent of the person proposed for nomination therein, agreeing to accept the nomination, if nominated at the Primary election, not to withdraw, and if elected at the State election to qualify as such officer.

Nomination papers may be signed only by members of the same political party as the proposed candidate, who reside in the electoral division in which the nomination is sought. Each voter may sign one nomination paper for the same office and only one, except in cases where more than one person is to be elected to the same office. Each such signer of a nomination paper must make his signature in person, in a legible manner, and add to it his place of residence. Ditto marks, indicating the residence, made by the person signing the nomination paper, will be acceptable. One of the signers, or the person circulating the nomination paper, must make oath thereon that to the best of his knowledge and belief the signatures are genuine, that the persons signing are members of the same political party as the candidate, and that they reside in the electoral district or division in which the nomination is to be made.

The number of signatures on each and every nomination paper must aggregate at least one percent, and must not exceed two percent, of the total gubernatorial vote for all candidates cast in the 1918 election in the electoral district or division in which the nomination is proposed. The appended schedule has been figured on this basis and is intended to show accurately the minimum and maximum number of signatures required and permitted in each and every electoral district in the State in which nominations are to be made in the June primaries of 1920.

The name of the proposed candidate should either be printed or typewritten in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the exact manner in which his name shall appear on the ballot. All nomination papers, when filed with the Secretary of State, will be immediately opened, catalogued and subject to public inspection under proper restrictions. Candidates are urgently requested to give their post office addresses, as well as their residences, not only for their own protection but also in order that all communications sent out from this Department may reach them promptly.

ALL CANDIDATES TO BE NOTIFIED OF RESULT

The returns of the Primary election will be canvassed by the Governor and Council not later than the first Tuesday in July, 1920. As soon as possible thereafter there will be sent to each candidate whose name appeared on the primary ballot, a copy of the detailed tabulation of the vote cast in the electoral district or division in which he was a candidate.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE ACCEPTANCES AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Successful candidates will be notified, by registered mail, of their nomination at the Primary election. Within seven days after the receipt of such notification the candidate must, by reg-

istered mail, file his acceptance with the Secretary of State. The failure of any candidate to file such acceptance within the specified time shall be deemed a refusal thereof and his name will not be printed on the September ballot.

Every candidate nominated at a Primary election shall, in addition to the acceptance of his nomination, within seven days after the receipt of the above mentioned notification, file with the Secretary of State an itemized expense account setting forth in detail all expenditures made and all liabilities incurred (exclusive of personal expenses for postage, telegrams, telephones, stationery, express and traveling), in connection with his candidacy. The failure of any candidate to file a return of his expenses within the specified time will render his nomination null and void and if any statement in such return is wilfully false it will be deemed perjury.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

No person other than a "political agent" (as defined in section 125, chap. 6, Revised Statutes) may legally pay any of the expenses connected with the candidacy of any person in the Primary election (except that a candidate may pay his actual personal expenses as above enumerated).

Candidates may act as their own political agents or they may appoint another person to serve in that capacity. In either case no money may be legally spent or liabilities incurred (except for the aforementioned personal expenses) unless the candidate shall first have notified the Secretary of State of his intention to serve as his own political agent or shall have filed a notification of the appointment of another person to serve as such.

When a candidate acts as his own political agent only one return of expenses need be made—that of the candidate. When a person other than the candidate acts as such agent two ex-

pense accounts must be filed, namely, one by the candidate, within seven days after he receives the notification of his appointment, and the other by the political agent fifteen days after the Primary election. Failure upon the part of the candidate renders his nomination null and void; failure upon the part of the political agent subjects such agent to a fine of twenty-five dollars a day for each and every day he is in default, unless he be excused by the court; but the delinquency of the political agent in this regard does not affect the validity of the nomination of the candidate.

The fact that neither candidate nor political agent incurred any expense (other than personal) does not preclude the necessity of filing expense accounts. In case no money was spent or liabilities incurred statements setting forth this fact under oath must be filed with the Secretary of State within the prescribed time.

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED AND PERMITTED ON PRIMARY NOMINATION PAPERS

The following schedule figured from the 1918 gubernatorial tabulation is intended to show accurately the number of signers which is required and permitted on Primary nomination papers in each and every electoral district or division in the State of Maine in which nominations are to be made at the 1920 June Primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at Large.....	1232	2462
First Congressional District..	287	573
Second Congressional District	331	661
Third Congressional District..	354	706
Fourth Congressional District	247	492

County Offices

Androscoggin	101	200
Aroostook	81	161
Cumberland	178	355
Franklin	38	75
Hancock	57	113
Kennebec	109	216
Knox	49	97
Lincoln	38	74
Oxford	71	140
Penobscot	130	258
Piscataquis	37	72
Sagadahoc	37	72
Somerset	70	139
Waldo	46	90
Washington	74	146
York	109	217

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County

	Minimum	Maximum
Lewiston (entitled to five)....	41	81
Auburn (entitled to three)...	25	48
Lisbon	8	14
Poland, Mechanic Falls, Greene, Leeds	11	21
East Livermore, Livermore, Turner	11	21
Webster, Wales, Durham, Minot	7	12

Aroostook County

Sherman, Island Falls, Hersey, Crystal, Benedicta, Silver Ridge Pl., Macwahoc Pl.,	5	9
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	Minimum	Maximum
Linneus, Hodgdon, Cary Pl., Amity, Glenwood Pl., Haynesville, Orient, Weston, Bancroft, Reed Pl...	5	9
Houlton	8	14
Dyer Brook, Oakfield, Moro Pl., Merrill, Smyrna, New Limerick, Ludlow, Hammond Pl., Littleton.....	6	10
Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill, E Plantation..	6	10
Caribou	6	10
Fort Fairfield	6	10
Presque Isle	7	12
Easton, Chapman, Mapleton, Washburn, Westfield	7	12
Limestone, Caswell Pl., Connor, New Sweden, Westmanland Pl., Stockholm, Woodland	6	10
Van Buren, Hamlin Pl., Cyr Pl., Grand Isle.....	8	14
Frenchville, St. Agatha, Madawaska	4	7
Fort Kent, Wallgrass Pl....	4	7
Eagle Lake, Allagash Pl., St. Francis Pl., St. John Pl., New Canada Pl., Winter-ville Pl.	6	10
Ashland, Perham, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Wade, Oxbow Pl., Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl....	6	10

Cumberland County

Portland (entitled to seven) ..	88	174
Westbrook (entitled to two)	15	29
Brunswick (entitled to two) ..	10	19
Bridgton	6	11
Gorham	5	9
Scarboro, Cape Elizabeth.....	6	10
Freeport, Pownal	6	10
Falmouth, Cumberland	5	9
South Portland (entitled to two)	11	21
Baldwin, Standish, Sebago....	7	12
Harrison, Otisfield, Windham	7	13
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester	7	13
Harpwell, Casco, Naples....	6	10
Yarmouth	4	7

(North Yarmouth no representation.)

Franklin County

Farmington, Chesterville, Temple	10	19
Jay, Wilton, Carthage.....	10	19
Phillips, Weld, Avon, Strong, New Vineyard, Industry, New Sharon	11	21
Freeman, Kingfield, Eustis, Lang Pl., Coplin Pl., Sa-		

	Minimum	Maximum
Iem, Madrid, Rangeley, Dallas Pl., Sandy River Pl., Rangeley Pl.	8	15

Hancock County

Ellsworth, Trenton, Aurora, Amherst, Otis, Mariaville, Waltham, No. 21 Pl., No. 33 Pl.	10	19
Bar Harbor	8	14
Bucksport, Orland, Castine, Dedham, Verona	8	15
Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Isle au Haut, Long Island Pl.	7	12
Hancock, Gouldsboro, Sullivan, Franklin, Winter Harbor, Sorrento, Eastbrook	10	19
Bluehill, Penobscot, Brooksville, Surry, Brooklin....	9	17
Mt. Desert, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Swans Island, Cranberry Isles, Lamoine	7	13

Kennebec County

Augusta (entitled to two)....	23	44
Waterville (entitled to two) ..	19	36
Gardiner	11	20
Clinton, Unity Pl., Albion, Benton	7	13
Vassalboro, Winslow	7	13
Chelsea, Farmingdale	4	6
Windsor, Randolph, Pittston, China	9	16
Manchester, Hallowell, West Gardiner	8	14
Monmouth, Winthrop, Litchfield	9	17
Readfield, Mount Vernon, Rome, Wayne, Fayette, Vienna	8	14
Sidney, Belgrade, Oakland....	9	17

Knox County

Rockland	14	27
Rockport, Warren, North Haven	8	15
Camden, Hope, Washington..	9	17
Union, Appleton, Thomaston..	8	14
Cushing, Friendship, Matinicus Isle Pl., Criehaven Pl., Vinalhaven	7	12
South Thomaston, Hurricane Isle, St. George.....	5	9

Lincoln County

Jefferson, Wiscasset, Dresden, Whitefield, Somerville ...	11	20
Damariscotta, Nobleboro, Wal-		

	Minimum	Maximum
doboro, Bremen	11	20
Alna, Boothbay, Edgcomb, Newcastle, Southport, Westport	9	16
Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, Monhegan Pl., South Bristol	9	17

Oxford County

Rumford	11	20
Norway, Oxford, Waterford..	12	22
Paris, Hebron, Woodstock...	10	19
Buckfield, Dixfield, Peru, Canton, Hartford, Sumner...	11	21
Hiram, Porter, Denmark, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Stow	12	22
Gilead, Newry, Upton, Magalloway Pl., Lincoln Pl., Andover, Byron, Roxbury, Mexico	8	14
Bethel, Mason, Hanover, Lovell, Sweden, Stoneham, Albany, Greenwood, Milton Pl.	10	19

Penobscot County

Bangor (entitled to four)....	34	67
Brewer	7	12
Old Town	10	18
Dexter, Garland	10	18
Corinna, Newport, Dixmont, Etna	9	17
Newburg, Carmel, Exeter, Plymouth, Levant, Stetson	10	18
Charleston, Corinth, Bradford, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Glenburn, Alton	9	16
Hampden, Hermon, Veazie...	8	14
Orono, Bradley	5	8
Orrington, Argyle, Greenbush, Greenfield, Milford, Clifton, Eddington, Holden..	8	14
Burlington, Lincoln, Lakeville Pl. Webster Pl., Lee, Carroll, Springfield	9	16
Millinocket, East Millinocket	5	9
Chester, Passadumkeag, Howland, Lagrange, Winn, Enfield, Edinburg, Maxfield, Lowell, Grand Falls Pl., Sebocis Pl.	7	12
Patten, Mattawamkeag, Stacyville Pl., Prentiss, Drew Pl., Mount Chase, Medway, Woodville, Kingman	7	13

Piscataquis County

Greenville, Shirley, Blanchard,
Kingsbury Pl., Wellington,
Elliottsville Pl., Monson,

	Minimum	Maximum
Willimantic	7	12
Abbot, Barnard Pl., Bowerbank, Parkman, Sangerville, Guilford, Williamsburg	10	19
Atkinson, Dover, Foxcroft, Sebec	11	20
Orneville, Milo, Medford, Brownville, Lakeview Pl.	10	19

Sagadahoc County

Bath (entitled to two).....	20	39
Topsham, Richmond, Georgetown	9	17
Bowdoin, Woolwich, Arrow- sic, Bowdoinham, Phipps- burg, West Bath	8	15

Somerset County

Skowhegan	12	23
Fairfield, Smithfield, Mercer..	10	18
Pittsfield, Palmyra, Detroit, Cornville	12	22
Hartland, St. Albans, Ripley, Cambridge, Harmony, Canaan	10	18
Madison, Solon, Athens.....	10	18
Norridgewock, Anson, Starks, Embden, Concord	11	20
Bingham, Bigelow Pl., Brighton Pl., Caratunk Pl., Dead River Pl., Dennis-town Pl., Flagstaff Pl., The Forks Pl., Highland Pl., Jackman Pl., Lexington Pl., Mayfield Pl., Moose River Pl., Moscow, Pleasant Ridge Pl., West Forks Pl., New Portland	9	17
(Long Pond, no representation.)		

Waldo County

Belfast	10	19
Unity, Montville, Freedom, Troy, Burnham, Knox, Thorndike	11	21
Swanville, Searsport, Waldo, Monroe, Brooks, Jackson	9	16
Lincolnton, Liberty, Sears- mont, Morrill, Palermo, Northport, Belmont	9	16
Stockton Springs, Islesboro, Prospect, Frankfort, Winterport	9	16

Washington County

East Machias, Marion, No. 14 Pl., Dennysville, Edmunds, Crawford, Whiting, Machiasport	7	13
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	Minimum	Maximum
Cooper, Perry, Alexander, Meddybemps, Charlotte, Robbinston, Pembroke ...	7	13
Centerville, Whitneyville, Roque Bluffs, Northfield, Wesley, Machias, Marshfield, Jones- boro	8	14
Trescott, Lubec, Cutler.....	8	15
Eastport	8	14
Calais	9	17
Baileyville, Baring, Danforth, Brookton, Forest City, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vance- boro, Waite, Codyville Pl., Grand Lake Stream Pl., Princeton, No. 21 Pl.	11	20
Milbridge, Steuben, Cherry- field, Beddington, Deblois	9	16
Addison, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jones- port	11	21

York County

Biddeford (entitled to three)	21	41
Saco	11	21
Sanford	14	28
North Berwick, South Berwick	10	19
Kennebunk, Lyman	7	13
York, Wells	7	12
Lebanon, Berwick	7	12
Acton, Cornish, Newfield, Parsonsfield	7	13
Alfred, Limerick, Shapleigh, Waterboro	7	13
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Lim- ington	9	17
Kennebunkport, Old Orchard, North Kennebunkport ...	6	11
Kittery, Eliot	6	11

The endeavor in the above has been to cover nearly every contingency which may arise in connection with the circulating and filing of Primary nomination papers. Should any further information be desired, however, this Department will cheerfully and freely furnish it and the Election Department of this office will gladly attempt to clear up any doubt which may arise in the minds of anyone in relation to the Primaries.

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