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The 1928 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 1928
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, 1928, and must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before April 16, 1928. 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 accepted. 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 total number of signatures for the nomination of a candidate must amount in the aggregate to at least one per cent, and must not exceed two per cent, of the total gubernatorial vote for all candidates cast in the 1926 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 1928.

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. Particular care should be taken that the name of the candidate should be written and spelled the same on all the petitions circulated. 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, 1928. 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 ACCEPT- ANCES 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 registered 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. 7, 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 expense 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 1926 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 1928 June Primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at Large	1818	3634
First Congressional District...	449	897
Second Congressional District .	487	973
Third Congressional District ..	502	1002
Fourth Congressional District.	381	761
County Offices		
Androscoggin	161	321
Aroostook	120	238
Cumberland	270	538
Franklin	39	77
Hancock	72	143
Kennebec	198	394
Knox	76	151
Lincoln	63	124
Oxford	103	205
Penobscot	203	404
Piscataquis	60	118
Sagadahoc	47	93
Somerset	84	166
Waldo	56	111
Washington	94	186
York	180	359

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County		
Auburn (entitled to three)	44	87
Lewiston (entitled to five)	69	136
Lisbon	13	24
East Livermore, Mechanic Falls	14	26
Livermore, Turner, Minot	9	17
Poland, Greene, Wales	7	12
Webster, Durham, Leeds	9	16
Aroostook County		
Caribou	9	17
Fort Fairfield	8	15
Presque Isle	8	15
Houlton	15	28

	Minimum	Maximum
Dyer Brook, Oakfield, Moro Pl., Merrill, Smyrna, New Limerick, Ludlow, Hammond Pl., Littleton	6	11
Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill, E. Plantation	11	20
Sherman, Island Falls, Hersey, Crystal, Benedicta, Silver Ridge, Macwahoc	6	11
Linneus, Hodgdon, Cary Plantation, Amity, Glenwood Pl., Haynesville, Orient, Weston, Bancroft, Reed Pl.	6	10
Limestone, Caswell Pl., Connor, Hamlin Pl., Cyr Pl., Westmanland Pl., Stockholm	7	12
Van Buren, Grand Isle	9	16
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Oxbow Pl., Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl.	4	6
Woodland, Washburn, New Sweden, Perham	6	11
Easton, Chapman, Mapleton, Wade, Westfield	5	8
Frenchville, St. Agatha, Madawaska	8	15
Fort Kent, Wallagrass Pl.	10	18
Eagle Lake, Allagash Pl., St. Francis Pl., St. John Pl., New Canada Pl., Winterville Pl.	9	16

Cumberland County

Portland (entitled to seven) ..	130	259
Westbrook (entitled to two) ..	27	53
South Portland (entitled to three)	20	38
Brunswick (entitled to two) ...	18	35
Gorham	6	10
Bridgton	8	15
Pownal, Freeport	8	14
Cumberland, Falmouth	6	11
Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth ..	9	16
Sebago, Baldwin, Standish	9	17
Harrison, Otisfield, Windham..	10	18
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester	11	20
Harpwell, Casco, Naples	7	13
Yarmouth, North Yarmouth ...	7	12

Franklin County

Jay, Wilton	13	25
Farmington, Chesterville, New Sharon, Temple	11	21
Carthage, Weld, Avon, Strong, Phillips, Madrid, New Vineyard, Industry, Perkins Pl., Washington Pl.	10	19
Rangeley, Rangeley Pl., Sandy River Pl., Lang Pl., Dallas Pl., Coplin Pl., Eustis, Kingfield, Freeman, Salem, Redington and unorganized townships .	6	10

	Minimum	Maximum
Hancock County		
Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgewick, Brooklin, Brooksville ..	8	15
Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Verona, Penobscot, Castine .	11	20
Ellsworth, Surry, Bluehill	19	36
Bar Harbor, Trenton, Hancock Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Cranberry Isle, Swans Island, Long Island, Tremont, Lamoine	13	24
Gouldsboro, Pl. No. 33, Aurora, Amherst, Mariaville, Otis, Osborn Pl., Waltham, Eastbrook, Franklin, Sullivan, Sorrento, Winter Harbor ...	12	22
Kennebec County		
Augusta (entitled to two)	47	93
Waterville (entitled to two) ..	45	89
Gardiner	18	34
Clinton, Albion, Unity Pl., Benton	11	21
Vassalboro, Winslow	14	26
Chelsea, Farmingdale	6	11
Windsor, Randolph, Pittston, China	13	25
Manchester, Hallowell, West Gardiner	13	25
Monmouth, Winthrop, Litchfield	12	23
Readfield, Mount Vernon, Rome, Wayne, Fayette, Vienna	11	20
Sidney, Belgrade, Oakland	13	24

Knox County

Rockland	24	46
Thomaston, S. Thomaston, Friendship, Cushing, Owls Head	13	24
Rockport, Warren, Union, Washington	16	31
Camden, Hope, Appleton	14	27
Vinalhaven, North Haven, Isle au Haut, Criehaven, Muscle Ridge, St. George, Matinicus, Hurricane Isle	11	20

Lincoln County

Alna, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Jefferson, Somerville, Newcastle	23	44
Southport, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, So. Bristol, Boothbay, Monhegan Pl.	21	40
Bremen, Damariscotta, Dresden, Nobleboro, Edgecomb, Westport, Wiscasset	21	40

Oxford County

Rumford, Hanover, Roxbury (entitled to two)	26	51
Mexico, Peru, Woodstock	12	22
Dixfield, Canton, Hartford, Sumner, Buckfield, Hebron ..	14	26

	Minimum	Maximum
Paris, Oxford	13	25
Norway, Waterford, Stoneham, Lovell, Sweden	16	30
Hiram, Porter, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Stow, Denmark ..	13	25
Bethel, Albany, Greenwood, Gilead, Mason, Grafton, New- ry, Upton, Magalloway Pl., Lincoln Pl., Milton Pl., An- dover, Byron and all unclassi- fied territory.	13	24

Penobscot County

Bangor (entitled to four)	63	124
Brewer	15	28
Old Town	19	37
Dexter, Garland	15	29
Newport, Corinna, Exeter, Stet- son	15	29
Plymouth, Etna, Levant, Dix- mont, Newburg, Kenduskeag, Carmel	9	17
Corinth, Charleston, Hudson, Bradford, LeGrange, Argyle, Alton, Edinburg, Howland ..	10	19
Hampden, Hermon, Glenburn ..	7	13
Orono, Milford	10	19
Millinocket, East Millinocket..	9	17
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton, Bradley, Greenfield, Veazie, Greenbush	9	17
Burlington, Lowell, Passadum- keag, Enfield, Lincoln	10	19
Lee, Springfield, Carroll, Winn, Webster, Prentiss, Chester, Woodville, Mattamiscontis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Lakeville, Sebois	9	16
Patten, Mt. Chase, Stacyville, Drew, Kingman, Medway, Davidson, Grand Falls, Sum- mit, and all other unclassified territory	8	14

Piscataquis County

Greenville, Monson, Wellington, Shirley, Willimantic, Blanch- ard, Elliottsville Pl., Kings- bury Pl., Chesuncook and all other territory not otherwise classified	11	20
Brownville, Guilford, Abbot, Parkman, Williamsburg, Bowerbank, Barnard Pl., Katahdin Iron Works.....	16	30
Dover-Foxcroft, Sangerville ...	19	36
Lake View Pl., Medford, Orne- ville, Milo, Sebec, Atkinson..	16	30

Sagadahoc County

Bath (entitled to three).....	23	45
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Rich- mond, Georgetown	12	22

	Minimum	Maximum
Arrowsic, West Bath, Topsham, Woolwich, Phippsburg	13	24

Somerset County

Skowhegan	17	32
Fairfield, Smithfield, Mercer ..	14	27
Palmyra, Detroit, Cornville, Pittsfield	14	26
Harmony, St. Albans, Ripley, Hartland, Cambridge, Canaan	12	23
Madison, Solon, Athens	12	22
Anson, Starks, Norridgewock, Embden, Concord	10	18
Bingham, New Portland, Mos- cow, Bigelow, Brighton, Caratunk, Dead River, Den- nistown, Flagstaff Pl., The Forks, Highland, Jackman, Lexington, Mayfield, Moose River, Pleasant Ridge, West Forks Pl., Long Pond Pl.	8	14

Waldo County

Belfast	14	27
Belmont, Liberty, Lincolnville, Searsmont, Morrill, Palermo, Northport, Montville, Free- dom, Knox	14	27
Thorndike, Unity, Burnham, Troy, Brooks, Jackson, Wal- do, Monroe, Swanville	16	31
Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Winterport, Frank- fort	13	25

Washington County

Calais	15	28
Eastport	11	20
Milbridge, Cherryfield, Bedding- ton, Steuben, Deblois, Har- rington, Addison, Columbia..	16	30
Columbia Falls, Jonesport, Ma- chiasport, Jonesboro, Cutler, Beals	11	21
Machias, Roque Bluffs, Whit- neyville, Northfield, Wesley, Centerville, Marshfield, East Machias, No. 18 Pl., Marion	13	24
Dennysville, Crawford, No. 14 Pl., Perry, Pembroke, Meddy- bemps, Cooper, Alexander, Robbinston, Charlotte	8	14
Lubec, Trescott, Edmunds, Whiting	11	20
Danforth, Baileyville, Brook- ton, Topsfield, Princeton, Vanceboro, Baring, Waite, Lambert Lake, I. Township, Forest City, Talmadge, Cody- ville, Grand Lake Stream, No. 21 Pl., Kossuth, No. 5 Pl., Pl. No. 10, Range 3	14	26

	Minimum	Maximum
York County		
Biddeford (entitled to three)..	35	68
Sanford (entitled to two)	34	66
Saco	22	43
Berwick, South Berwick	17	33
Kennebunk, Kennebunkport ...	10	19
York, Old Orchard, North Ken- nebunkport	10	19
Lebanon, No. Berwick, Wells..	14	26
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Lyman	9	17
Cornish, Limerick, Limington, Parsonsfield	10	19
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shap- leigh, Waterboro	9	16
Kittery, Eliot	14	27

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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