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The 1938 Primaries of the State of Maine



A Compilation Prepared under
the Direction of the Secretary
of State for the Benefit of
Candidates in the 1938 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, 1938, and must be filed with the secretary of state on or before April 18, 1938. 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 1936 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 1938.

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, 1938. 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 EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Expenditures made in behalf of all candidates for office to be voted for in the state as a whole or in any congressional district by the candidate or any person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation,

such expenditures to include either printing, publication, postage, clerk hire, newspaper advertising, renting of halls or other places, soliciting agents, hauling voters, or any other act or thing calculated to induce or procure any person or persons to vote for any candidate for office, shall be filed during the period prior to the thirty days next preceding any such election on the first day of each month next after such expenditure is made or a liability is incurred and thereafter such a report shall be made each week, such weekly reports to be made so as to reach the office of the secretary of state not later than ten o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday in each week.

Candidates for representatives to the legislature or for any county office including state senators shall make one report thirty days prior to the day of election and a second report not later than ten o'clock in the forenoon of the Wednesday next preceding such election.

The last report provided for shall include in addition to such expenditures as have been made and such liabilities as have been incurred up to the time of the making of such report a statement of such sum or sums, if any, as such candidate, person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation proposes to make or incur thereafter in connection with such campaign.

Similar returns are required of any person whose name is to be presented before any political convention as a candidate for any office, the return to be made seven days prior to the convention.

All the above provisions shall apply to any club or group of voters organized for the purpose of or actually participating in any campaign on behalf of a candidate for nomination to elective office or tending either directly or indirectly to aid the candidacy of any person for any nomination whatsoever.

Any person accepting employment to aid, promote or further the candidacy of any person for nomination to elective office whose remuneration for such employment shall exceed the sum of \$5 shall, within 48 hours after accepting such employment, cause his name to be entered upon a docket as hereinafter provided and shall file in the office of the secretary of state a full and complete statement of the basis of compensation on which his services in behalf of such a candidate are being rendered.

Any person, firm, association or organization who shall receive money for labor, rent, printing, advertising or for any other service intended or designed to further the candidacy of a person for nomination to elective office or who shall furnish any such service or material on credit shall keep a careful and accurate detailed statement of the money received and the credit extended and preserve the same for a full period of 15 months following the date of the delivery or rendering of the materials or service. Every candidate for elective office and every person, firm, association, committee, organization, club, group of voters or corporation who shall hire, contract for, arrange or otherwise provide or secure any material or service intended or designed to further the candidacy of himself or of any other person for nomination to elective office shall keep a full, detailed and correct account of the money expended and the liabilities incurred and preserve the same for a full period of 15 months following the date of the delivery or rendering of the materials or service.

It shall be the duty of any person, whether candidate or political agent or interested worker, who arranges for any labor, rent, printing, advertising or other service intended or designed to further the candidacy of a person for nomination to elective office to advise each and every individual with or from whom he contracts such labor, rent, printing, advertising or other service of the requirements of the foregoing paragraph.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

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 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.

Political agents of candidates appointed under the provisions of chapter ten of the revised statutes are required to make a return within fifteen days after the day of the primary election. Any political agent failing to make return within the time required shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day for which he is in default unless he shall be excused by the court.

Candidates nominated in any political convention shall within fifteen days after the date of such convention file with the secretary of state a return similar to the one required of candidates nominated at a primary election. Any person so nominated and failing to file a return within fifteen days renders his nomination void.

Failure on the part of any candidate, person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation to make reports as provided for shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not more than eleven months.

**NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED
AND PERMITTED ON PRIMARY
NOMINATION PAPERS**

The following schedule figured from the 1936 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 1938 June primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at large.....	3111	6220
First Congressional District		
Counties: Cumberland, York, Oxford and Sagadahoc.....	1077	2152
Second Congressional District		
Counties: Androscoggin, Frank- lin, Knox, Lincoln, Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo.....	1084	2167
Third Congressional District		
Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington.....	951	1900
County Officers		
Androscoggin.....	281	561
Aroostook.....	252	502
Cumberland.....	523	1044
Franklin.....	84	166
Hancock.....	132	263
Kennebec.....	295	588
Knox.....	109	216
Lincoln.....	79	157
Oxford.....	159	316
Penobscot.....	333	664
Piscataquis.....	76	151
Sagadahoc.....	73	145
Somerset.....	146	290
Waldo.....	94	186
Washington.....	160	318
York.....	324	646

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County

	Minimum	Maximum
Auburn (entitled to three).....	77	143
Lewiston (entitled to five).....	133	264
Lisbon.....	15	28
Livermore and Livermore Falls...	18	34
Mechanic Falls, Turner and Minot	18	34
Poland, Greene and Wales.....	12	22
Webster, Durham and Leeds.....	13	24

Aroostook County

Caribou.....	24	47
Fort Fairfield.....	13	25
Presque Isle.....	21	40
Houlton.....	25	49
Dyer Brook, Oakfield, Moro Plan- tation, Merrill, Smyrna, New Limerick, Ludlow, Hammond Plantation, Littleton.....	14	26

Minimum Maximum

Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill and E. Plantation...	20	39
Sherman, Island Falls, Hersey, Crystal, Benedicta, Silver Ridge, Macwahoc.....	12	22
Linneus, Hodgdon, Cary Planta- tion, Amity, Glenwood Planta- tion, Haynesville, Orient, Wes- ton, Bancroft and Reed Pl.....	13	25
Limestone, Caswell Plantation, Connor, Hamlin Pl., Cyr Pl., Westmanland Pl. and Stockholm	15	29
Van Buren and Grand Isle.....	16	30
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Oxbow Pl., Gar- field Pl. and Nashville Pl.....	13	24
Woodland, Washburn, New Swe- den and Perham.....	15	28
Easton, Chapman, Mapleton, Wade and Westfield.....	14	26
Frenchville, St. Agatha and Mada- waska.....	14	27
Fort Kent and Wallagrass Pl.....	15	28
Eagle Lake Allagash Pl., St. Fran- cis Pl., St. John Pl., New Canada Pl., and Winterville Pl.....	17	32

Cumberland County

Portland (entitled to seven).....	252	503
Westbrook (entitled to two).....	43	84
South Portland (entitled to three).	52	102
Brunswick (entitled to two).....	34	67
Gorham.....	14	27
Bridgton.....	14	27
Pownal and Freeport.....	15	30
Cumberland and Falmouth.....	15	28
Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth.	20	39
Sebago, Baldwin and Standish...	14	26
Harrison, Otisfield and Windham.	16	31
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester.	14	26
Harpwell, Casco and Naples.....	13	25
Yarmouth and North Yarmouth..	12	24

Franklin County

Jay and Wilton.....	25	49
Farmington, Chesterville, New Sharon and Temple.....	24	47
Carthage, Weld, Avon, Strong, Phillips, Madrid, New Vineyard, Industry, Perkins Plantation and Washington Plantation...	19	37
Rangeley, Rangeley Pl., Sandy River Pl., Dallas Pl., Coplin Pl., Eustis, Kingfield, Freeman, Sa- lem, unorganized townships and Redington.....	16	31

Hancock County

Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Brooklin and Brooksville.....	18	35
Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Ve- rona, Penobscot and Castine...	22	42
Ellsworth, Surry and Bluehill...	26	50
Bar Harbor, Trenton and Hancock	26	51
Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Cranberry Island, Swans Island, Long Island, Tremont and La- moine.....	22	43
Gouldsboro, Plantation No. 33, Aurora, Amherst, Mariaville, Otis, Osborn Pl., Waltham, East- brook, Franklin, Sullivan, Sor- rento and Winter Harbor.....	20	39

Kennebec County		
	Minimum	Maximum
Augusta (entitled to two)	67	132
Waterville (entitled to two)	68	134
Gardiner	25	49
Clinton, Albion, Unity Plantation and Benton	16	31
Vassalboro and Winslow	22	42
Chelsea and Farmingdale	9	17
Windsor, Randolph, Pittston and China	18	35
Manchester, Hallowell and West Gardiner	19	36
Monmouth, Winthrop and Litch- field	22	42
Readfield, Mount Vernon, Rome, Wayne, Fayette and Vienna	15	29
Sidney, Belgrade and Oakland	19	37
Knox County		
Rockland (entitled to two)	36	70
Thomaston, South Thomaston, Friendship, Cushing and Owls Head	18	35
Rockport, Warren, Union and Washington	18	35
Camden, Hope and Appleton	21	40
Vinalhaven, North Haven, St. George, Matinicus, Isle au Haut, Criehaven, Muscle Ridge and Hurricane Isle	18	34
Lincoln County		
Alna, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Jef- ferson, Somerville and Newcastle Southport, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, South Bristol, Boothbay and Monhegan	28	54
Bremen, Damariscotta, Nobleboro, Edgecomb, Dresden, Westport, and Wiscasset	29	57
23	45	
Oxford County		
Mexico and Dixfield	21	40
Rumford, Roxbury, Andover and Byron (entitled to two)	40	79
Canton, Hebron, Peru, Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford	18	34
Paris, Woodstock, Milton Planta- tion and Franklin Plantation	19	36
Oxford, Norway, Lovell, Waterford Fryeburg, Denmark, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter and Sweden	26	50
21	40	
Hanover, Stowe, Albany, Bethel, C. Surplus, Gilead, Grafton, Greenwood, Lincoln Pl., Lynch- town Township, Magalloway Pl., Mason, Newry, Richardson, Stoneham, Upton, Township C, Township Four, and all other unclassified territory	18	34
Penobscot County		
Bangor (entitled to four)	101	201
Brewer	24	46
Old Town	26	50
Dexter and Garland	18	35
Newport, Corinna, Exeter, Stetson Plymouth, Etna, Levant, Dixmont, Newburg, Kenduskeag, Carmel	21	41
18	34	
Corinth, Charleston, Hudson, Bradford, Lagrange, Argyle, Al- ton, Edinburg and Howland	17	33

	Minimum	Maximum
Hampden, Hermon and Glenburn	14	27
Orono and Milford	17	33
Millinocket and East Millinocket	23	44
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton, Bradley, Greenfield, Veazie and Greenbush	17	33
Burlington, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Enfield and Lincoln	17	33
Lee, Springfield, Carroll, Winn, Webster, Prentiss, Chester, Woodville, Mattamiscontis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Lake- ville and Seboeis	13	25
Patten, Mt. Chase, Stacyville, Drew, Kingman, Medway, Dav- idson, Grand Falls, Summit and all other unclassified territory	12	22

Piscataquis County		
Greenville, Monson, Wellington, Shirley, Willimantic, Blanchard, Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl., and all other territory not oth- erwise classified	16	30
Brownville, Guilford, Abbot, Park- man, Williamsburg, Bowerbank, Barnard Plantation and Katah- din Iron Works	20	38
Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville	24	46
Lake View Pl., Medford, Orneville, Milo, Sebec and Atkinson	18	35

Sagadahoc County		
Bath (entitled to two)	37	73
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Georgetown	18	35
Arrowsic, West Bath, Topsham, Woolwich and Phippsburg	18	35

Somerset County		
Skowhegan	30	59
Fairfield, Smithfield and Mercer	24	46
Palmyra, Detroit, Cornville and Pittsfield	22	42
Harmony, St. Albans, Ripley, Harland, Cambridge, Canaan	17	33
Madison, Solon and Athens	21	40
Anson (North), Starks, Norridge- wock, Embden and Concord	16	31
Bingham, New Portland, Moscow, Bigelow, Brighton, Caratunk, Dead River, Dennistown, Flag- staff, The Forks, Highland, Jack- man, Lexington, Mayfield, Moose River, Pleasant Ridge, West Forks Plantation and Long Pond Plantation	19	37

Waldo County		
Belfast	30	58
Belmont, Liberty, Lincolnville, Searsmont, Morrill, Palermo, Northport, Montville, Freedom and Knox	21	41
Thorndike, Unity, Burnham, Troy, Brooks, Jackson, Waldo, Mon- roe and Swanville	22	43
Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Winterport, Frankfort	22	43

Washington County		
Calais	26	51
Eastport	19	36

	Minimum	Maximum
Millbridge, Cherryfield, Bedding- ton, Steuben, Deblois, Harring- ton, Addison and Columbia	24	46
Columbia Falls, Beals, Jonesport, Machiasport, Jonesboro, Cutler.	20	38
Machias, Roque Bluffs, Whitney- ville, Northfield, Wesley, Center- ville, Marshfield, East Machias, Number Eighteen Pl., Marion . .	19	37
Dennysville, Crawford, Number Fourteen Pl., Perry, Pembroke, Meddybemps, Cooper, Alexan- der, Robbinston and Charlotte.	16	31
Lubec, Trescott, Edmunds and Whiting	15	29
Danforth, Baileyville, Brookton, Topsfield, Princeton, Vanceboro, Baring, Waite, Lambert Lake, I. Township, Forest City, Tal- madge, Codyville, Grand Lake Stream, Number Twenty-one Pl., Kossuth and Number Five Pl.	24	47
York County		
Biddeford (entitled to three)	72	143
Sanford (entitled to two)	49	97
Saco	38	75
Berwick and South Berwick	23	45
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport . .	25	48
York, Old Orchard and No. Kenne- bunkport	27	52
Lebanon, No. Berwick and Wells .	23	45
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis and Lyman	16	31
Cornish, Limerick, Limington and Parsonsfield	18	34
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro	15	29
Kittery and Eliot	22	43

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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