

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# The 1940 Primaries of the State of Maine



A Compilation Prepared under  
the Direction of the Secretary  
of State for the Benefit of  
Candidates in the 1940 Primaries.

**W**HILE 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, 1940, and must be filed with the secretary of state on or before April 15, 1940. 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 1938 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 1940.

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, 1940. 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.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

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 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 1938 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 1940 June primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at large.....	2972	5944
First Congressional District		
Counties: Cumberland, York, Oxford and Sagadahoc.....	1026	2051
Second Congressional District		
Counties: Androscoggin, Frank- lin, Knox, Lincoln, Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo.....	1072	2143
Third Congressional District		
Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington.....	875	1749
<b>County Officers</b>		
Androscoggin.....	280	559
Aroostook.....	215	429
	Min.	Max.
Registry, No. Dist....	53	104
Registry, So. Dist....	163	324
Cumberland.....	473	945
Franklin.....	85	169
Hancock.....	123	244
Kennebec.....	293	585
Knox.....	110	218
Lincoln.....	79	157
Oxford.....	154	306
Registry, East Dist....	128	255
Registry, W. Dist....	26	51
Penobscot.....	313	625
Piscataquis.....	75	148
Sagadahoc.....	70	138
Somerset.....	142	284
Waldo.....	85	169
Washington.....	151	301
York.....	331	661

**REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS**

**Androscoggin County**

	Minimum	Maximum
Auburn (entitled to three).....	77	152
Lewiston (entitled to five).....	132	263
Lisbon.....	16	31
Livermore and Livermore Falls....	19	36
Mechanic Falls, Turner and Minot	16	31
Poland, Greene and Wales.....	10	20
Webster, Durham and Leeds.....	13	24

**Aroostook County**

Caribou.....	19	37
Fort Fairfield.....	14	27
Presque Isle.....	22	43
Houlton.....	23	45

Minimum Maximum

Dyer Brook, Oakfield, Moro Plan- tation, Merrill, Smryna, New Limerick, Ludlow, Hammond Plantation, Littleton.....	13	25
Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill and E. Plantation....	14	27
Sherman, Island Falls, Hersey, Crystal, Benedicta, Silver Ridge, Macwahoc.....	11	20
Linneus, Hodgdon, Cary Planta- tion, Amity, Glenwood Planta- tion, Haynesville, Orient, Wes- ton, Bancroft and Reed Pl.....	11	20
Limestone, Caswell Plantation, Connor, Hamlin Pl., Cyr Pl., Westmanland Pl. and Stockholm	14	27
Van Buren and Grand Isle.....	11	22
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Oxbow Pl., Gar- field Pl. and Nashville Pl.....	12	23
Woodland, Washburn, New Swe- den and Perham.....	12	23
Easton, Chapman, Mapleton, Wade and Westfield.....	9	17
Frenchville, St. Agatha and Mad- awaska.....	12	22
Fort Kent and Wallagrass Pl.....	11	22
Eagle Lake, Allagash Pl., St. Francis Pl., St. John Pl., New Can- ada Pl., and Winterville Pl....	11	21

**Cumberland County**

Portland (entitled to seven).....	221	441
Westbrook (entitled to two).....	40	78
South Portland (entitled to three).	47	93
Brunswick (entitled to two).....	32	63
Gorham.....	12	23
Bridgton.....	15	28
Pownal and Freeport.....	13	24
Cumberland and Falmouth.....	15	29
Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth.	18	34
Sebago, Baldwin and Standish....	13	25
Harrison, Otisfield and Windham.	16	31
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester.	12	23
Harpswell, Casco and Naples....	13	25
Yarmouth and North Yarmouth .	12	23

**Franklin County**

Jay and Wilton.....	28	54
Farmington, Chesterville, New Sharon and Temple.....	24	48
Carthage, Weld, Avon, Strong, Phillips, Madrid, New Vineyard, Industry, Perkins Plantation and Washington Plantation . . .	20	38
Rangeley, Rangeley Pl., Sandy River Pl., Lang Pl., Dallas Pl., Coplin Pl., Eustis, Kingfield, Freeman, Salem, unorganized townships and Redington.....	15	28

**Hancock County**

Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Brooklin and Brooksville.....	18	34
Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Ve- rona, Penobscot and Castine . .	21	40
Ellsworth, Surry and Bluehill....	25	49
Bar Harbor, Trenton and Hancock	23	44

	Minimum	Maximum
Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Cranberry Island, Swans Island, Long Island, Tremont and La- moine . . . . .	19	37
Gouldsboro, Plantation No. 33, Aurora, Amherst, Mariaville, Otis, Osborn Pl., Waltham, East- brook, Franklin, Sullivan, Sor- rento and Winter Harbor . . . . .	19	36
<b>Kennebec County</b>		
Augusta (entitled to two) . . . . .	66	131
Waterville (entitled to two) . . . . .	69	136
Gardiner . . . . .	25	48
Clinton, Albion, Unity Plantation and Benton . . . . .	16	30
Vassalboro and Winslow . . . . .	21	41
Chelsea and Farmingdale . . . . .	9	17
Windsor, Randolph, Pittston and China . . . . .	18	34
Manchester, Hallowell and West Gardiner . . . . .	19	36
Monmouth, Winthrop and Litch- field . . . . .	20	38
Readfield, Mount Vernon, Rome, Wayne, Fayette and Vienna . . . . .	14	27
Sidney, Belgrade and Oakland . . . . .	21	41
<b>Knox County</b>		
Rockland (entitled to two) . . . . .	35	69
Thomaston, South Thomaston, Friendship, Cushing and Owls Head . . . . .	19	36
Rockport, Warren, Union and Washington . . . . .	19	36
Camden, Hope and Appleton . . . . .	21	41
Vinalhaven, North Haven, St. George, Matinicus, Isle au Haut, Criehaven, Muscle Ridge and Hurricane Isle . . . . .	18	34
<b>Lincoln County</b>		
Alna, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Jef- ferson, Somerville Pl., and New- castle . . . . .	28	54
Southport, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, South Bristol, Boothbay and Monhegan . . . . .	29	57
Bremen, Damariscotta, Nobleboro, Edgecomb, Dresden, Westport, and Wiscasset . . . . .	23	45
<b>Oxford County</b>		
Mexico and Dixfield . . . . .	19	37
Rumford, Roxbury, Andover and Byron (entitled to two) . . . . .	37	73
Canton, Hebron, Peru, Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford . . . . .	16	31
Paris, Woodstock, Milton Planta- tion and Franklin Plantation . . . . .	18	35
Oxford, Norway, Lovell, Waterford Fryeburg, Denmark, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter and Sweden . . . . .	26	51
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 . . . . .	22	42
	17	33

<b>Penobscot County</b>		
	Minimum	Maximum
Bangor (entitled to four) . . . . .	94	186
Brewer . . . . .	21	40
Old Town . . . . .	24	47
Dexter and Garland . . . . .	15	30
Newport, Corinna, Exeter, Stetson Plymouth, Etna, Levant, Dixmont, Newburg, Kenduskeag, Carmel . . . . .	21	40
Corinth, Charleston, Hudson, Bradford, Lagrange, Argyle, Al- ton, Edinburg and Howland . . . . .	18	34
Hampden, Hermon and Glenburn Orono and Milford . . . . .	16	30
Millinocket and East Millinocket . . . . .	14	26
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton, Bradley, Greenfield, Veazie and Greenbush . . . . .	17	32
Burlington, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Enfield and Lincoln . . . . .	21	41
Lee, Springfield, Carroll Pl., Winn, Webster, Prentiss, Chester, Woodville, Mattamiscotis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Lake- ville and Seboeis . . . . .	16	32
Patten, Mt. Chase Pl., Stacyville, Drew, Kingman, Medway, Dav- idson, Grand Falls, Summit and all other unclassified territory . . . . .	14	26
	12	23
<b>Piscataquis County</b>		
Greenville, Monson, Wellington, Shirley, Willimantic, Blanchard, Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl., and all other territory not other- wise classified . . . . .	16	30
Brownville, Guilford, Abbot, Park- man, Williamsburg, Bowerbank, Barnard Plantation and Katah- din Iron Works . . . . .	21	42
Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville . . . . .	22	42
Lake View Pl., Medford, Orneville, Milo, Sebec and Atkinson . . . . .	17	33
<b>Sagadahoc County</b>		
Bath (entitled to two) . . . . .	36	70
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Georgetown . . . . .	17	33
Arrowsic, West Bath, Topsham, Woolwich and Phippsburg . . . . .	17	33
<b>Somerset County</b>		
Skowhegan . . . . .	30	58
Fairfield, Smithfield and Mercer . . . . .	22	43
Palmyra, Detroit, Cornville and Pittsfield . . . . .	22	43
Harmony, St. Albans, Ripley, Hartland, Cambridge, Canaan . . . . .	13	25
Madison, Solon and Athens . . . . .	22	43
Anson (North), Starks, Norridge- wock, Embden and Concord Pl. Bingham, New Portland, Moscow, Bigelow, Brighton, Caratunk, Dead River, Dennistown, Flag- staff, The Forks, Highland, Jackman, Lexington, Mayfield, Moose River, Pleasant Ridge, West Forks Plantation and Long Pond Plantation . . . . .	17	33
	19	36

**Waldo County**

	Minimum	Maximum
Belfast .....	24	47
Belmont, Liberty, Lincolnville, Searsmont, Morrill, Palermo, Northport, Montville, Freedom and Knox .....	19	37
Thorndike, Unity, Burnham, Troy, Brooks, Jackson, Waldo, Mon- roe and Swanville .....	22	43
Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Winterport, Frankfort	21	40

**Washington County**

Calais .....	22	42
Eastport .....	16	31
Millbridge, Cherryfield, Bedding- ton, Steuben, Deblois, Harring- ton, Addison and Columbia ...	22	42
Columbia Falls, Beals, Jonesport, Machiasport, Jonesboro, Cutler	19	36
Machias, Roque Bluffs, Whitney- ville, Northfield, Wesley, Center- ville, Marshfield, East Machias, Number Eighteen Pl., Marion ..	21	41
Dennysville, Crawford, Number Fourteen Pl., Perry, Pembroke, Meddybemps, Cooper, Alexan- der, Robbinston and Charlotte.	17	32
Lubec, Trescott, Edmunds and Whiting .....	14	26
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) ....	74	147
Sanford (entitled to two) .....	56	119
Saco .....	34	67
Berwick and South Berwick .....	23	44
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport ..	25	49
York, Old Orchard Beach and No. Kennebunkport .....	26	51
Lebanon, No. Berwick and Wells.	22	43
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis and Lyman	15	30
Cornish, Limerick, Limington and Parsonsfield .....	19	37
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro .....	16	30
Kittery and Eliot .....	20	39

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 any-one in relation to the primaries.

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