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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.

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, 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
County Officers		
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. Fran- cis 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
Kennebec County		
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
Knox County		
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
Lincoln County		
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
Oxford County		
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

Penobscot County		
	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	16	30
Orono and Milford	14	26
Millinocket and East Millinocket	17	32
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton, Bradley, Greenfield, Veazie and Greenbush	21	41
Burlington, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Enfield and Lincoln	16	32
Lee, Springfield, Carroll Pl., Winn, Webster, Prentiss, Chester, Woodville, Mattamiscotis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Lake- ville and Seboeis	14	26
Patten, Mt. Chase Pl., Stacyville, Drew, Kingman, Medway, Dav- idson, Grand Falls, Summit and all other unclassified territory	16	32
	12	23
Piscataquis County		
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
Sagadahoc County		
Bath (entitled to two)	36	70
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Georgetown	17	33
Arrowsic, West Bath, Topsham, Woolwich and Phippsburg	17	33
Somerset County		
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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