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The 1944 Primaries of the State of Maine



A Compilation Prepared under
the Direction of the Secretary
of State for the Benefit of
Candidates in the 1944 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, 1944, and must be filed with the secretary of state on or before April 17, 1944. 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 1942 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 1944.

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, 1944. 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 1942 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 1944 June primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at large	1767	3532
First Congressional District		
Counties: Cumberland, York, Oxford and Sagadahoc	675	1349
Second Congressional District		
Counties: Androscoggin, Franklin, Knox, Lincoln, Kennebec, Somers- set and Waldo	653	1305
Third Congressional District		
Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Wash- ington	439	877
County Officers		
Androscoggin	189	377
Aroostook	100	199
Cumberland	294	586
Franklin	40	79
Hancock	53	105
Kennebec	177	352
Knox	59	117
Lincoln	53	105
Oxford	99	196
Penobscot	149	297
Piscataquis	47	93
Sagadahoc	48	95
Somerset	86	170
Waldo	51	100
Washington	91	180
York	236	470

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County

	Minimum	Maximum
Auburn (entitled to three)	51	100
Lewiston (entitled to five)	92	182
Lisbon	10	19
Livermore and Livermore Falls	11	20
Mechanic Falls, Minot and Turner	14	27
Greene, Poland and Wales	7	13
Durham, Leeds and Webster	8	14

Aroostook County

Caribou	10	18
Fort Fairfield	8	14
Presque Isle	14	27
Houlton	16	31

	Minimum	Maximum
Dyer Brook, Hammond Plantation, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, Moro Plantation, New Limerick, Oakfield and Smyrna	6	10
Blaine, Bridgewater, E. Plantation, Mars Hill and Monticello	5	9
Benedicta, Crystal, Hersey, Island Falls, Macwahoc, Sherman, Silver Ridge Plantation, Molunkus (unorganized) and South Molunkus (unorganized)	4	7
Amity, Bancroft, Cary Plantation, Glenwood Plantation, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Linneus, Orient, Reed Plantation and Weston	5	8
Caswell Plantation, Connor, Cyr Plantation, Hamlin Plantation, Limestone, Stockholm, Westmanland Plantation and 16 R-4 (unorganized)	5	8
Grand Isle and Van Buren	6	10
Ashland, Castle Hill, Garfield Plantation, Masardis, Nashville Plantation, Oxbow Plantation, Portage Lake and the unorganized townships of Squa Pan, 9 R-4, St. Croix and 11 R-4	6	10
New Sweden, Perham, Washburn and Woodland	6	11
Chapman, Easton, Mapleton, Wade and Westfield	4	7
Frenchville, Madawaska, St. Agatha, Guerette (unorganized), Sinclair (unorganized) and 17 R-5 (unorganized)	4	7
Fort Kent and Wallgrass	6	10
Allagash Plantation, Eagle Lake, New Canada Plantation, St. Francis Plantation, St. John Plantation, Winterville Plantation and the unorganized townships of 14 R-6, 15 R-6, 16 R-6, 16 R-12, 20 R-11 and 12, and 11 R-14	3	5

Cumberland County

Portland (entitled to seven)	135	268
Westbrook (entitled to two)	29	57
South Portland (entitled to three) ..	27	52
Brunswick (entitled to two)	24	47
Gorham	7	12
Bridgton	10	18
Pownal and Freeport	8	14
Cumberland and Falmouth	10	18
Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth	12	22
Sebago, Baldwin and Standish	8	15
Harrison, Otisfield and Windham ..	9	16
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester	8	14
Harpwell, Casco and Naples	8	14
Yarmouth and North Yarmouth	7	12

Franklin County

Jay and Wilton	13	24
Chesterville, Farmington, New Sharon and Temple	12	23

	Minimum	Maximum
Avon, Carthage, Industry, Madrid, New Vineyard, Perkins Plantation (unorganized), Phillips, Strong, Washington Plantation (unorganized), Weld	10	19
Coplin Plantation, Dallas Plantation, Eustis, Kingfield, Rangeley, Rangeley Plantation, Salem, Sandy River Plantation and the unorganized townships of Coburn Gore, Freeman, Gore north of 2 and 3, Jerusalem, Lang, Lowell, Redington, Crocker, Wyman and Jim Pond ..	7	12

Hancock County

Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington and the unorganized territory of Bear Island, Eagle Island and Great Spruce Head	7	13
Bucksport, Castine, Dedham, Penobscot, Orland and Verona	12	23
Bluehill, Ellsworth, Surry and No. 8 S. D. (unorganized)	11	20
Bar Harbor, Hancock, Trenton	9	17
Cranberry Isle, Lamoine, Long Island Plantation, Mt. Desert, Tremont, Southwest Harbor and Swan's Island	8	14
Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Osborn Plantation, Otis, Plantation No. 21, Plantation No. 33, Sorrento, Sullivan, Waltham, Winter Harbor, No. 3 N. D. B. P. P. (unorganized) and No. 10 S. D. (unorganized)	9	16

Kennebec County

Augusta (entitled to two)	47	92
Waterville (entitled to two)	43	84
Gardiner	16	30
Albion, Benton, Clinton and Unity Plantation (unorganized)	7	13
Vassalboro and Winslow	13	25
Chelsea and Farmingdale	5	
China, Pittston, Randolph and Windsor	11	21
Hallowell, Manchester and West Gardiner	11	20
Litchfield, Monmouth and Winthrop ..	11	21
Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Readfield, Rome, Wayne and Vienna	8	15
Belgrade, Oakland and Sidney	10	19

Knox County

Rockland (entitled to two)	21	41
Cushing, Friendship, Owl's Head, Thomaston, South Thomaston	9	17
Rockport, Union, Warren and Washington	11	20
Appleton, Camden and Hope	12	22
Isle au Haut, Matinicus Isle Plantation, North Haven, St. George, Vinalhaven and Criehaven (unorganized)	8	15

Lincoln County

Minimum Maximum

Alna, Jefferson, Newcastle, Somerville Plantation, Waldoboro, Whitefield.....	20	39
Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, Monhegan, Muscongus Island (unorganized), South Bristol and Southport.....	17	32
Bremen, Dresden, Damariscotta, Edgcomb, Nobleboro, Westport and Wiscasset.....	18	34

Oxford County

Dixfield and Mexico.....	14	27
Andover, Byron, Roxbury and Rumford (entitled to two).....	28	54
Buckfield, Canton, Hartford, Hebron, Peru and Sumner.....	8	14
Milton Plantation, Paris and Woodstock.....	11	20
Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford.....	19	36
Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Porter and Sweden.....	14	27
Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Lincoln Plantation, Magalloway Plantation, Newry, Stow, Stoneham, Upton and the unorganized townships of Albany, C, Grafton, Mason, Richardson, 4 R-1, 4 R-2 and 5 R-4.....	8	15

Penobscot County

Bangor (entitled to four).....	41	81
Brewer.....	12	23
Old Town.....	11	21
Dexter and Garland.....	10	18
Corinna, Exeter, Newport and Stetson.....	11	21
Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Kenduskeag, Levant, Newburg and Plymouth.....	8	14
Alton, Argyle (unorganized), Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Edinburg, Howland, Hudson, Lagrange, Maxfield and Seboeis Plantation.....	9	16
Glenburn, Hampden and Hermon..	5	8
Milford and Orono.....	9	16
Millinocket, Indian Township No. 3 (unorganized) (Norcross), Indian Township No. 4 (unorganized) (Perkins), and the wild land townships I. R-7, and A. R-8 and 9....	10	19
Bradley, Clifton, Eddington, Greenbush, Greenfield, Holden, Orrington and Veazie.....	6	11
Burlington, Enfield, Grand Falls Plantation, Lincoln, Lowell and Pasasumkeag.....	9	17
Carroll Plantation, Chester, Drew Plantation, Kingman Plantation, Lakeville Plantation, Lee, Mattawamkeag, Prentiss Plantation, Springfield, Webster Plantation, Winn and Woodville.....	6	10

Minimum Maximum

East Millinocket, Medway, Mt. Chase, Patten, Stacyville and the wild land townships 2 R-6 (East Division), 2 R-6 (Davidson), 2 R-8, 8 R-7 and 3 R-8.....	8	15
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Piscataquis County

Blanchard, Elliottsville Plantation, Greenville, Kingsbury Plantation, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic and the unorganized townships of Big Squaw Mountain, Chesuncook, French Township, Kineo and Little Squaw Mountain.....	9	16
Abbot, Barnard, Bowerbank, Brownville, Guilford, Parkman, Katahdin Iron Works (unorganized) and Williamsburg (unorganized).....	14	26
Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville....	14	26
Atkinson, Lake View Plantation, Medford (unorganized), Milo, Orneville and Sebec.....	12	23

Sagadahoc County

Bath (entitled to two).....	29	56
Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, Georgetown, Perkins (unorganized) and Richmond.....	11	21
Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, West Bath and Woolwich.....	9	17

Somerset County

Skowhegan.....	19	36
Fairfield, Mercer and Smithfield....	12	23
Cornville, Detroit, Palmyra and Pittsfield.....	15	29
Cambridge, Canaan, Harmony, Hartland, Ripley, St. Albans.....	8	14
Athens, Madison and Solon.....	14	27
Anson, Embden, Norridgewock and Starks.....	10	18
Bingham, Moscow, New Portland, Bigelow Plantation, Brighton Plantation, Caratunk Plantation, Dead River Plantation, Dennistown Plantation, Flagstaff Plantation, Highland Plantation, Jackman Plantation, Moose River Plantation, Pleasant Ridge Plantation, The Forks Plantation, West Forks Plantation, the unorganized townships of Askwith, Attean, Concord, Holeb, Lexington, Long Pond, Misery Gore, Moxie Gore, Rockwood, Sandwich Academy Grant, Sand Bar Tract, Seboomook, and all the other unorganized townships north of Bingham, Brighton, Concord and Lexington.....	11	21

Waldo County

Belfast.....	15	29
Belmont, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Morrill, Montville, Northport, Palermo and Sears-mont.....	11	20

	Minimum	Maximum
Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity and Waldo.....	14	27
Frankfort, Islesboro, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs and Winterport	12	22
Washington County		
Calais	15	29
Eastport	8	14
Addison, Beddington, Cherryfield, Columbia, Deblois, Harrington, Milbridge and Steuben	11	21
Beals, Columbia Falls, Cutler, Jonesboro, Jonesport and Machiasport	13	24
Centerville, East Machias, Machias, Marion (unorganized), Marshfield, Northfield, No. 18 Plantation, Roque Bluffs, Wesley, Whitneyville, No. 26 E. D. (unorganized) and No. 27 E. D. (unorganized)...	15	28
Alexander, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Dennysville, Meddybemps, No. 14 Plantation, Pembroke, Perry and Robbinston.....	10	19
Edmunds (unorganized), Lubec, Trescott and Whiting	11	21
Baileyville, Brookton, Codyville, Danforth, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, No. 5 Plantation, No. 21 Plantation, Princeton, Talmadge, Vanceboro, Waite and the unorganized townships of Baring, Forest City, Indian Township, Kossuth, Lambert Lake, Topsfield, and 10 R-3	11	21
York County		
Biddeford (entitled to three)	57	112
Saco	23	45
Sanford (entitled to two).....	44	87
Berwick and South Berwick	14	27
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport ...	19	37
North Kennebunkport, Old Orchard Beach and York	19	37
Lebanon, North Berwick and Wells	14	26
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis and Lyman	10	18
Cornish, Limerick, Limington and Parsonsfield	13	25
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro	11	21
Eliot and Kittery	16	32

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.

HAROLD I. GOSS, Secretary of State.