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Elections - 1948

The 1948 Primaries of the State of Maine



A Compilation Prepared under
the Direction of the Secretary
of State for the Benefit of
Candidates in the 1948 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, 1948, and must be filed with the secretary of state on or before April 19, 1948. 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 1%, and must not exceed 2%, of the total gubernatorial vote for all candidates cast in the 1946 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 1948.

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 1st Tuesday in July, 1948. 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 30 days next preceding any such election on the 1st 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 10 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 30 days prior to the day of election and a second report not later than 10 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 7 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 7 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 7 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 8 of the revised statutes are required to make a return within 15 days after the day of the primary election. Any political agent failing to make return within the time required shall be fined \$25 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 15 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 15 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 \$1,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 11 months.

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED AND PERMITTED ON PRIMARY NOMINATION PAPERS

The following schedule figured from the 1946 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 1948 June primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at large.....	1799	3599
First Congressional District		
Counties: Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc and York.....	681	1361
Second Congressional District		
Counties: Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Somerset and Waldo.....	664	1328
Third Congressional District		
Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington.....	455	910

County Officers

Androscoggin.....	213	427
Aroostook.....	124	249
Cumberland.....	299	599
Franklin.....	42	84
Hancock.....	49	99
Kennebec.....	178	356
Knox.....	52	105
Lincoln.....	38	76
Oxford.....	95	189
Penobscot.....	165	330
Piscataquis.....	48	95
Sagadahoc.....	51	102
Somerset.....	93	185
Waldo.....	47	94
Washington.....	69	137
York.....	236	472

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County

	Minimum	Maximum
Auburn (entitled to three).....	53	105
Lewiston (entitled to five).....	112	223
Lisbon.....	11	22
Livermore and Livermore Falls.....	11	22
Mechanic Falls, Minot and Turner... ..	11	23
Greene, Poland and Wales.....	6	13
Durham, Leeds and Webster.....	10	19

Aroostook County

Caribou.....	12	24
Fort Fairfield.....	8	16
Presque Isle.....	20	41
Houlton.....	18	35

	Minimum	Maximum
Dyer Brook, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, New Limerick, Oakfield, Smyrna, Hammond Plantation and Moro Plantation.....	5	10
Blaine, Bridgewater, Mars Hill, Monticello and E Plantation.....	7	14
Benedicta, Crystal, Hersey, Island Falls, Sherman, Macwahoc Plantation and the unorganized townships of Molunkus, Silver Ridge and South Molunkus.....	5	9
Amity, Bancroft, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Linneus, Orient, Weston, Cary Plantation, Glenwood Plantation and Reed Plantation.....	5	9
Limestone, Stockholm, Caswell Plantation, Cyr Plantation, Hamlin Plantation, Westmanland Plantation and the unorganized townships of Connor and 16 R-4.....	4	8
Grand Isle and Van Buren.....	5	11
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Garfield Plantation, Nashville Plantation, Oxbow Plantation and the unorganized townships of Squa Pan, 9 R-4, St. Croix and 11 R-4.....	7	14
New Sweden, Perham, Washburn and Woodland.....	5	10
Chapman, Easton, Mapleton, Wade and Westfield.....	5	9
Frenchville, Madawaska, Saint Agatha and the unorganized townships of Guerette, Sinclair and 17 R-5.....	6	12
Fort Kent and Wallagrass Plantation	5	9
Eagle Lake, Allagash Plantation, 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.....	7	15
Cumberland County		
Portland (entitled to seven).....	128	256
Westbrook (entitled to two).....	28	57
South Portland (entitled to three)...	28	57
Brunswick (entitled to two).....	24	48
Gorham.....	8	15
Bridgton.....	8	16
Freeport and Pownal.....	8	16
Cumberland and Falmouth.....	11	21
Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough....	15	31
Baldwin, Sebago and Standish.....	7	15
Harrison, Otisfield and Windham....	10	19
Gray, New Gloucester and Raymond	8	15
Casco, Harpswell and Naples.....	9	19
North Yarmouth and Yarmouth....	7	15
Franklin County		
Jay and Wilton.....	17	34
Chesterville, Farmington, New Sharon and Temple.....	11	23

	Minimum	Maximum
Avon, Carthage, Industry, Madrid, New Vineyard, Phillips, Strong, Weld and the unorganized townships of Perkins and Washington..	8	16
Eustis, Kingfield, Rangeley, Coplin Plantation, Dallas Plantation, Rangeley Plantation, Sandy River Plantation and the unorganized townships of Coburn Gore, Crocker, Freeman, Gore North of 2 and 3, Jerusalem, Jim Pond, Lang, Lowell, Redington, Salem and Wyman....	6	12
Hancock County		
Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington and the unorganized townships of Bear Island, Eagle Island and Great Spruce Head.....	6	13
Bucksport, Castine, Dedham, Orland, Penobscot and Verona.....	11	22
Bluehill, Ellsworth, Surry and the unorganized township of No. 8 S.D.	10	19
Bar Harbor, Hancock and Trenton..	8	17
Cranberry Isles, Lamoine, Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Tremont and Long Island Plantation.....	7	14
Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Waltham, Winter Harbor, Osborn Plantation, Plantation No. 33 and the unorganized townships of No. 3 N.D. B.P.P., No. 10 S.D. and No. 21..	7	14
Kennebec County		
Augusta (entitled to two).....	41	82
Waterville (entitled to two).....	48	97
Gardiner.....	16	32
Albion, Benton, Clinton and the unorganized township of Unity.....	6	13
Vassalboro and Winslow.....	15	30
Chelsea and Farmingdale.....	4	8
China, Pittston, Randolph and Windsor.....	9	18
Hallowell, Manchester and West Gardiner.....	12	25
Litchfield, Monmouth and Winthrop	10	20
Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Readfield, Rome, Vienna and Wayne.....	6	12
Belgrade, Oakland and Sidney.....	10	19
Knox County		
Rockland (entitled to two).....	20	39
Cushing, Friendship, Owl's Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston..	9	18
Rockport, Union, Warren and Washington.....	8	16
Appleton, Camden and Hope.....	11	22
Isle - au - Haut, North Haven, St. George, Vinalhaven, Matinicus Isle Plantation and the unorganized township of Criehaven.....	4	9

Lincoln County

	Minimum	Maximum
Alna, Jefferson, Newcastle, Waldoboro, Whitefield and Somerville Plantation.....	13	26
Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, South Bristol, Southport, Monhegan Plantation and the unorganized township of Muscongus Island....	12	23
Bremen, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Nobleboro, Westport and Wiscasset.....	13	26

Oxford County

Dixfield and Mexico.....	13	27
Andover, Byron, Roxbury and Rumford (entitled to two).....	26	52
Buckfield, Canton, Hartford, Hebron, Peru and Sumner.....	6	13
Paris, Woodstock and the unorganized township of Milton.....	10	19
Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford.....	16	33
Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Porter and Sweden.....	14	28
Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, Stoneham, Stow, Upton, Lincoln Plantation, Magalloway Plantation and the unorganized townships of Albany, Grafton, Mason, Richardson, Township C, 4 R-1, 4 R-2 and 5 R-4.....	9	18

Penobscot County

Bangor (entitled to four).....	44	87
Brewer.....	13	26
Old Town.....	14	29
Dexter and Garland.....	13	26
Corinna, Exeter, Newport and Stetson	10	19
Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Kenduskeag, Levant, Newburg and Plymouth....	8	16
Alton, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Edinburg, Howland, Hudson, La Grange, Maxfield, Seboeis Plantation and the unorganized township of Argyle.....	7	15
Glenburn, Hampden and Hermon....	6	13
Milford and Orono.....	9	17
Millinocket and the unorganized townships of Indian Township No. 3 (Norcross), Indian Township No. 4 (Perkins), I. R-7 and A. R-8 and 9.....	11	21
Bradley, Clifton, Eddington, Greenbush, Greenfield, Holden, Orrington and Veazie.....	7	15
Burlington, Enfield, Lincoln, Lowell, Passadumkeag and Grand Falls Plantation.....	9	18
Chester, Lee, Mattawamkeag, Springfield, Winn, Woodville, Carroll Plantation, Drew Plantation, Lakeville Plantation, Prentiss Plantation, Webster Plantation and the unorganized township of Kingman	5	10

Minimum Maximum

East Millinocket, Medway, Patten, Mount Chase Plantation, Stacyville Plantation and the unorganized townships of 2 R-6 (East Division), 2 R-6 (Davidson), 2 R-8, 8 R-7 and 3 R-8.....	9	19
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Piscataquis County

Blanchard, Greenville, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Elliottsville Plantation, Kingsbury Plantation and the unorganized townships of Big Squaw Mountain, Chesuncook, French township, Kinco and Little Squaw Mountain....	8	16
Abbot, Bowerbank, Brownville, Guilford, Parkman, Barnard Plantation and the unorganized townships of Katabdin Iron Works and Williamsburg.....	13	27
Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville.....	13	25
Atkinson, Milo, Sebec, Lake View Plantation and the unorganized townships of Medford and Orneville	14	28

Sagadahoc County

Bath (entitled to two).....	29	57
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Richmond and the unorganized township of Perkins.....	10	20
Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, West Bath and Woolwich.....	13	25

Somerset County

Skowhegan.....	22	45
Fairfield, Mercer and Smithfield....	13	27
Cornville, Detroit, Palmyra and Pittsfield.....	13	25
Cambridge, Canaan, Harmony, Hartland, Ripley and St. Albans.....	8	17
Athens, Madison and Solon.....	15	31
Anson, Embden, Norridgewock and Starks.....	11	23
Bingham, Moscow, New Portland, 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 and the unorganized townships of Askwith, Attean, Bigelow, 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.....	9	19

Waldo County

Belfast.....	13	27
Belmont, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Palermo and Searsmont	11	22

	Minimum	Maximum
Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity and Waldo.....	13	25
Frankfort, Islesboro, Prospect, Sears- port, Stockton Springs and Winter- port.....	8	16
Washington County		
Calais.....	13	25
Eastport.....	4	7
Addison, Beddington, Cherryfield, Columbia, Deblois, Harrington, Mil- bridge and Steuben.....	10	19
Beals, Columbia Falls, Cutler, Jones- boro, Jonesport and Machiasport..	8	17
Centerville, East Machias, Machias, Marshfield, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Wesley, Whitneyville and the unorganized townships of Mar- ion, No. 18, No. 26 E.D. and No. 27 E.D.....	10	19
Alexander, Charlotte, Cooper, Craw- ford, Dennysville, Meddybemps, Pembroke, Perry, Robbinston and No. 14 Plantation.....	7	15
Lubec, Whiting and the unorganized townships of Edmunds and Trescott	6	13
Baileyville, Danforth, Princeton, Tal- madge, Vanceboro, Waite, Cody- ville Plantation, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, No. 21 Plantation and the unorganized townships of Bar- ing, Brookton, Forest City, Indian Township, Kossuth, Lambert Lake, No. 5, Topsfield and 10 R-3.....	11	22
York County		
Biddeford (entitled to three).....	55	110
Saco.....	24	49
Sanford (entitled to two).....	54	108
Berwick and South Berwick.....	15	29
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.....	15	29
North Kennebunkport, Old Orchard Beach and York.....	20	39
Lebanon, North Berwick and Wells..	9	19
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis and Lyman..	9	18
Cornish, Limerick, Limington and Parsonsfield.....	11	21
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro.....	9	18
Eliot and Kittery.....	16	31

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 mind of anyone in relation to the primaries.

HAROLD I. GOSS, Secretary of State.