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# The 1956 Primaries of the State of Maine

(With a Brief Calendar  
of Important Dates)



A Compilation Prepared under  
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of State for the Benefit of Candi-  
dates in the 1956 Primaries

### IMPORTANT

Your attention is called to the information contained herein with reference to filing reports of expenditures made and contributions received. A new law has made vital changes in this requirement.

**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:

### BRIEF CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

#### Election Dates

June 18 — Primary Election  
Sept. 10 — State Election  
Nov. 6 — Presidential Election

#### Dates Relating to Nomination Petitions

Jan. 1 — Papers may be circulated  
Apr. 16 — Final date for filing  
(No papers will be received in the Secretary of State's office after 5:00 P.M. but envelopes bearing a postmark as having been received in Augusta not later than midnight, April 16, will be accepted.)

#### Dates for Filing Expense Accounts and Reports of Contributions Received

(Note: See Pages 6, 7 and 8 for details and penalties.)

Feb. 1 — First monthly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress, if expenses incurred.  
Mar. 1 — Monthly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.  
April 1 — Monthly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.

- May 1 — Monthly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.
- May 19 — First return for candidates for County Offices and Legislative candidates.
- May 23 — First weekly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.
- May 31 — Weekly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.
- June 6 — Weekly return for candidates for Governor and Representatives to Congress.
- June 13 — Last return prior to the primaries for **all candidates**. Must be on file on or before 10:00 A.M. of this date.
- June 14 — Meeting of Committee on Election Expenditures to investigate returns then on file.
- July 3 — Final return of receipts and expenditures for **all candidates, political agents, persons, firms, associations, committees, organizations and corporations on behalf of candidates**. This should be a recapitulation of all expenditures and contributions in connection with the campaign, together with a report of expenses and contributions made on Primary Election Day.
- The Committee on Election Expenditures will meet again within 21 days after June 18 to investigate these final reports.
- Sept. 25 — Date all **state** election candidates must file expense report, whether or not expenses were incurred. Forms sent to candidates prior to State Election.
- (This report should not include expenses made in connection with your primary nomination.)

### Candidates Nominated at Primary Elections

Successful candidates will receive official notification of nomination together with a form for acceptance. This must be filed within 7 days of receipt of notification as failure to do so will render the nomination void.

### Inspections and Recounts

**Primary Election** — An inspection of the primary election ballots may be requested of the town or city clerk and the same may be granted after proper notification to the election officers and interested candidates.

Within 10 days after copies of the tabulation have been forwarded to all candidates, candidates may make written application to the Secretary of State alleging that the return of votes cast in any town does not correctly state the vote as actually cast and specifying the offices as to which such errors are alleged to have occurred.

**State Election** — Inspections may be requested in writing at any time after the election.

Requests for recounts must be made within 20 days from the date copies of the printed tabulation are made available alleging that the record does not correctly state the vote as actually cast and specifying the offices and towns in which errors are alleged to have occurred.

### SIGNING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

Primary nomination papers must not be signed prior to January 1, 1956, and must be filed with the secretary of state on or before April 16, 1956.

Nomination papers may be signed only by members of the political party named therein 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**. Women should sign their given name and married surname. (Mary Jones and not Mrs. John Jones.) 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 political party named therein and that they reside in the electoral district or division in which the nomination is to be made. The person proposed for nomination must sign the petition in the space provided, 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.

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 1954 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 1956.

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.

## CANDIDATE'S EXPENSES

It shall be unlawful for any candidate or for any person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation on behalf of a candidate or for the purpose of aiding the candidacy of any person, to make any expenditure or incur any liability unless reporting the same to the Secretary of State on the dates set forth on Page 3.

Any candidate failing to make return within the time required shall be assessed a fine of not more than \$5 for each day he is in default by the legislative committee appointed under the provisions of section 44, unless he shall be excused by said committee. If such assessment is not paid at the order of said committee, the candidate shall be disqualified and his name shall not be printed upon an official ballot used at any special or general election held during the same calendar year. Any candidate aggrieved by the decision of the committee not to print his name upon said official ballot may, within 5 days after notification of said decision, appeal to any Justice of the Superior Court, by presenting to him a petition therefor, in term time or vacation. Such Justice shall forthwith fix a time and place for immediate hearing, which may be in vacation, and cause notice thereof to be given to the committee; and after hearing, such Justice may, within 10 days after presentation of the petition for appeal, affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the committee and the decision of such Justice shall be final.

The Committee on Election Expenditures will meet on June 14, 4 days prior to the Primary Election, at which time they shall make a preliminary investigation of all returns. The Committee will meet again within 21 days after the Primary Election to make a final examination of such returns.

Any committee, 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 shall file reports of expenditures and contributions in the same way and on the same dates that candidates are required to file. A form for reporting the name of the treasurer of such committee, club or group may be obtained from the Election Division.

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 form provided by the Election Division and which must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. Such report shall contain a complete statement of the basis of compensation on which his services in behalf of 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.

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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any candidate or for any person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation, on behalf of a candidate or for the purpose of aiding the candidacy of any person, **to accept any contributions, received or promised, or** to make any expenditure or incur any liability, either for printing, publication, postage, clerk hire, newspaper advertising, renting of halls or other places, soliciting agents, transporting voters, radio advertising, television, telephones and telegrams, stationery, express, traveling expense, hotel bill, or any other act or thing calculated to induce or procure any person or persons to vote for any candidate for office in a primary election unless on the dates hereinafter set forth next ensuing after the **receiving of any such contribution or the making of any such expenditure or the incurring of any such liability such candidate, person, firm, association, committee, organization or corporation shall report the same to the Secretary of State setting forth in detail the nature and amount of the contributions, received or promised or expenditure**

made or liability incurred with the name of the candidate, his address, the election district and the office in question.

### 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, 1956. 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.

### 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 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.

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

The following schedule figured from the 1954 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 1956 June primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at large .....	2,489	4,979
First Congressional District		
Counties: Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc and York .....	930	1,861
Second Congressional District		
Counties: Androscoggin, Frank- lin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Somerset and Waldo .....	878	1,756

	Minimum	Maximum
Third Congressional District		
Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington .....	680	1,361
<b>County Officers</b>		
Androscoggin .....	259	519
Aroostook .....	190	381
Cumberland .....	432	865
Franklin .....	62	125
Hancock .....	82	165
Kennebec .....	251	503
Knox .....	71	143
Lincoln .....	58	116
Oxford .....	119	239
Penobscot .....	250	501
Piscataquis .....	56	112
Sagadahoc .....	61	122
Somerset .....	115	230
Waldo .....	58	116
Washington .....	100	201
York .....	317	635

### REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

(Note: The legislative reapportionment of 1955 made changes in some legislative class districts.)

<b>Androscoggin County</b>		
Auburn (entitled to three) .....	71	143
Lewiston (entitled to six) .....	131	263
Durham and Lisbon .....	15	30
Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland	12	24
Greene, Leeds, Wales and Web- ster .....	10	20
Livermore, Livermore Falls and Turner .....	18	37
<b>Aroostook County</b>		
Caribou .....	24	48
Fort Fairfield .....	13	27
Presque Isle .....	22	44
Houlton .....	27	54
Benedicta, Crystal, Dyer Brook, Hersey, Island Falls, Merrill, Oakfield, Sherman, Smyrna and Plantations of Macwahoc, Moro and the unorganized townships of Molunkus, Silver Ridge and South Molunkus .....	10	20
Blaine, Bridgewater, Mars Hill, Monticello and E Plantation ..	8	17
Amity, Bancroft, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Linneus, Littleton, Ludlow, New Limerick, Orient, Weston and Plantations of Cary, Glenwood, Hammond and Reed .....	10	20
Limestone, Stockholm and Planta- tions of Caswell, Cyr, Hamlin and the unorganized townships of Connor and 16 R-4 .....	8	16

**Aroostook County Continued**

	Minimum	Maximum
Grand Isle and Van Buren .....	10	21
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake and Plantations of Garfield, Nashville, Oxbow and the unorganized townships of St. Croix, Squa Pan, 9 R-4 and 11 R-4 .....	8	17
New Sweden, Perham, Washburn, Woodland and Westmanland Plantation .....	8	17
Chapman, Easton, Mapleton, Wade and Westfield .....	6	13
Frenchville, Madawaska, Saint Agatha and the unorganized townships of Guerette, Sinclair and 17 R-5 .....	13	26
Fort Kent and Wallagrass Planta- tion .....	7	15
Eagle Lake and Plantations of Allagash, New Canada, St. Francis, St. John, Winterville and the unorganized townships of 11 R-14, 14 R-6, 15 R-6, 16 R-6, 16 R-12, 20 R-11, 20 R-12	9	18
<b>Cumberland County</b>		
Portland (entitled to seven) ....	178	356
South Portland (entitled to four) ..	52	105
Westbrook (entitled to two) ....	41	83
Brunswick (entitled to two) .....	34	68
Gorham .....	10	21
Scarborough .....	9	18
Falmouth .....	13	27
Cape Elizabeth .....	13	26
Bridgton .....	7	15
Freeport and Pownal .....	12	25
Cumberland and Harpswell .....	9	19
Casco and Windham .....	10	20
Baldwin, Sebago and Standish ...	8	17
Harrison, Naples and Otisfield ...	8	16
North Yarmouth and Yarmouth .	9	18
Gray, New Gloucester and Ray- mond .....	12	24
<b>Franklin County</b>		
Jay and Wilton .....	22	44
Chesterville, Farmington, New Sharon and Temple .....	18	37
Avon, Carthage, Industry, Madrid, New Vineyard, Phillips, Strong, Weld and the unorganized town- ships of Perkins and Washing- ton .....	13	26
Eustis, Kingfield, Rangeley and Plantations of Coplin, Dallas, Rangeley, Sandy River and the unorganized townships of Coburn Gore, Freeman, Gore North of 2 and 3, Jerusalem, Lang, Lowelltown, Redington, Salem, and other divisions ....	9	18

**Hancock County**

	Minimum	Maximum
Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Sedgwick and Stonington .....	11	23
Bucksport, Castine, Dedham, Or- land, Penobscot and Verona ...	15	30
Bluehill, Ellsworth and Surry ...	19	39
Bar Harbor, Hancock and Trenton	12	24
Cranberry Isles, Lamoine, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Tremont and Long Island Plantation .....	10	21
Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Maria- ville, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Waltham, Winter Harbor and Plantations of Osborn and No. 33 .....	12	24
<b>Kennebec County</b>		
Augusta (entitled to three) .....	60	121
Waterville (entitled to two) .....	65	131
Gardiner .....	16	33
Winslow .....	17	34
Albion, Benton, Clinton, Sidney and the unorganized township of Unity .....	11	22
China, Pittston, Vassalboro and Windsor .....	15	30
Chelsea, Farmingdale and Ran- dolph .....	11	22
Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester and West Gardiner .....	16	33
Monmouth, Readfield, Wayne and Winthrop .....	19	38
Belgrade, Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Oakland, Rome and Vienna ....	17	35
<b>Knox County</b>		
Rockland .....	22	45
Cushing, Friendship, Owl's Head, South Thomaston and Thomas- ton .....	11	22
Rockport, Union, Warren and Washington .....	13	26
Appleton, Camden and Hope ....	16	33
Isle-au-Haut, North Haven, Saint George, Vinalhaven, Matinicus Isle Plantation and the unor- ganized townships of Criehaven, Hurricane Isle and Muscle Ridge	7	15
<b>Lincoln County</b>		
Alna, Jefferson, Newcastle, Waldo- boro, Whitefield and Somerville Plantation .....	19	38
Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bris- tol, South Bristol, Southport and Monhegan Plantation ....	21	43
Bremen, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Nobleboro, Westport and Wiscasset .....	17	34



**Oxford County**

Minimum Maximum

Dixfield and Mexico .....	16	32
Andover, Byron, Roxbury and Rumford (entitled to two) ....	34	69
Buckfield, Canton, Hartford, Hebron, Peru and Sumner .....	9	18
Paris, Woodstock and the unorganized township of Milton ....	15	31
Lovell, Norway, Oxford and Waterford .....	17	35
Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Porter and Sweden ....	14	28
Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, Stoneham, Stow, Upton, Plantations of Lincoln, Magalloway and the unorganized townships of Albany, C. Surplus, Grafton, Lynchtown, Mason, Richardson, Township C, Township 4 and all other unclassified territory .....	12	24

**Penobscot County**

Bangor (entitled to four) .....	64	128
Brewer .....	20	41
Old Town .....	22	45
Dexter and Garland .....	15	30
Corinna, Exeter, Newport and Stetson .....	13	27
Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Kenduskeag, Levant, Newburg and Plymouth .....	7	15
Alton, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Edinburg, Glenburn, Hudson, Lagrange, Maxfield, Seboeis Plantation and the unorganized township of Argyle .	8	17
Hampden and Hermon .....	9	18
Orono .....	12	25
Millinocket and the unorganized townships of Indian Township No. 3 (Norcross) Indian Township No. 4 (Perkins) and the wild land townships L. R-7, A. R-8 and 9 .....	19	38
Bradley, Clifton, Eddington, Greenfield, Holden, Orrington and Veazie .....	12	24
Enfield, Howland and Lincoln ...	18	37
Burlington, Greenbush, Lee, Lowell, Mattawamkeag, Milford, Passadumkeag, Springfield, Winn, Plantations of Carroll, Drew, Grand Falls, Lakeville, Prentiss and Webster .....	14	28
Chester, East Millinocket, Medway, Patten, Stacyville, Woodville, Mount Chase Plantation and the unorganized townships of Kingman, T-1R-7, T-2R-6, T-2R-8 and T-3R-8 .....	11	23

**Piscataquis County**

Minimum Maximum

Greenville, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Plantations of Blanchard, Elliottsville, Kingsbury and the unorganized townships of Big Squaw, Chesuncook, Kineo, Lily Bay, Little Squaw and North East Carry ..	9	18
Abbot, Bowerbank, Brownville, Guilford, Parkman, Barnard Plantation and the unorganized townships of Day's Academy Grant, Katahdin Iron Works and Williamsburg .....	14	29
Atkinson, Milo, Sebec, Lake View Plantation and the unorganized townships of Medford and Orneville .....	13	26
Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville .	18	37

**Sagadahoc County**

Bath (entitled to two) .....	32	65
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown and Richmond .....	10	21
Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, West Bath and Woolwich .....	17	34

**Somerset County**

Skowhegan .....	25	50
Fairfield .....	14	29
Detroit, Palmyra and Pittsfield ..	16	33
Athens, Cambridge, Canaan, Harmony, Hartland, Ripley and St. Albans .....	13	27
Cornville, Embden, Madison and Solon .....	18	36
Anson, Mercer, Norridgewock, Smithfield and Starks .....	13	26
Bingham, Moscow, New Portland, Plantations of Brighton, Caratunk, Dennistown, Highland, Jackman, Moose River, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks, West Forks and all others .....	11	22

**Waldo County**

Belfast .....	16	33
Belmont, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Palermo and Sears-mont .....	14	28
Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity and Waldo .....	14	29
Frankfort, Islesboro, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs and Winterport .....	12	25

**Washington County**

Addison, Beals, Beddington, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Deblois, Harrington, Mil-bridge and Steuben .....	17	35
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Washington County Continued

	Minimum	Maximum
Centerville, East Machias, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Wesley and Whitneyville .....	20	41
Cutler, Dennysville, Lubec, Whiting, No. 14 Plantation and the unorganized townships of Edmunds, Marion, Trescott and No. 18 .....	14	29
Alexander, Baileyville, Crawford, Danforth, Princeton, Talmadge, Vanceboro, Waite, Plantations of Codyville, Grand Lake Stream, No. 21 and the unorganized townships of Baring, Brookton, Forest City, Indian Township, Kossuth, Lambert Lake, Topsfield, 10 R-3 and 27 East Division .....	15	30
Calais, Charlotte, Cooper and Meddybemps .....	17	34
Eastport, Pembroke, Perry and Robbinston .....	14	29
<b>York County</b>		
Biddeford (entitled to three) ....	72	145
Sanford (entitled to two) .....	61	122
Saco .....	36	73
Kittery .....	17	35
Eliot and York .....	21	42
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport ..	20	41
North Kennebunkport and Old Orchard Beach .....	19	39
Berwick and South Berwick .....	15	30
Lebanon, North Berwick and Wells	17	34
Cornish, Limerick, Limington and Parsonsfield .....	11	22
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis and Lyman	12	25
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro .....	11	22

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.