

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 11, 1961.

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Johnson of Smithfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Eliminating Candidate Residence from Ballot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 2. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State shall, 7 days at least previous to the day of any state election, transmit to the clerk in each ~~city, town and plantation~~ **municipality** in which such election is to be held, specimen ballots containing the names ~~residences~~ and party or political appellations of all candidates nominated as provided in chapter 4 for such election and to be voted for at each voting place in each such ~~city, town and plantation~~ **municipality** respectively, substantially in the form of the general ballot to be so used therein; ~~and the~~. The clerks shall immediately cause the specimen ballots for each ward, town or plantation, as the case may be, to be conspicuously posted in one or more public places in such word, town or plantation.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 3. Section 3 of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 3. Printed lists to be posted 4 days before city election; publication.** The city clerk of each city shall, 4 days at least prior to the day of any city election therein, cause to be conspicuously posted in one or more public places in each ward of such city, a printed list containing the names ~~residences~~ and party or political appellations of all candidates nominated as provided in chapter 4, and to be voted for in such ward, substantially in the form of the general ballot to be so used therein; ~~and he~~. He shall likewise cause to be published, prior to the day of such election, in at least 2 newspapers, if there be so many

printed or published in such city, representing the political parties which cast at the preceding election the largest and next largest numbers of votes, a list of all such nominations made, so far as may be, in the form in which they shall appear upon the general ballots.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 5, § 5. The first sentence of section 5 of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Every general ballot or ballot intended for the use of all voters, which shall be printed in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, shall contain the names ~~and residences,~~ ward residences in city elections, of all candidates whose nominations for any office specified in the ballot have been duly made and not withdrawn ~~in accordance herewith,~~ and the office for which they have been severally nominated, and shall contain no other names except that in case of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, the names of the candidates for president and vice-president may be added to the party or political designation.'