

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 948

House of Representatives, February 16, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Establishing Voting Districts in Certain Towns.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 2059-A, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2059-A, to read as follows:

§ 2059-A. Voting districts

The municipal officers of a town of more than 10,000 population, according to the last Decennial Census of the United States, may establish more than one voting district in the town.

1. Equal division. The municipal officers shall establish the boundaries of the voting districts so that the number of voters in each district will be approximately equal.

2. Decennial review and adjustment of district boundaries. Every 10 years after the first division of a town into voting districts under this section, the municipal officers shall review the boundaries of the voting districts and adjust them in order to keep the number of voters in each district approximately equal. In the interim, the municipal officers may adjust the boundaries of voting districts as may be necessary. If the municipal officers fail to take the action required by this subsection for one year after the date on which it is to be done, they shall be subject to the penalty provided in section 2254.

3. District maps filed. The municipal officers shall prepare a street map showing the boundaries of voting districts and file it with the clerk within 30 days after a voting district is established or altered.

4. **Exception.** This section does not apply to towns which have voting districts established by charter.