

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hichens of Eliot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Amending the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 71, amended. Section 71 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 451 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 71. Acceptance of applications by clerk or deputy clerk

In a city or a town which has a board of registration, the clerk or deputy clerk shall accept applications for registration and enrollment when the board is not in session.

1. Applicant must qualify before clerk or deputy clerk. The clerk or deputy clerk shall require an applicant for registration to qualify as provided in section 102. If the applicant qualifies, the clerk or deputy clerk shall write "OK" and his initials on the application and file it with the board. If the applicant fails to qualify or if his qualifications are in doubt, the clerk or the deputy clerk shall refuse to accept his application and direct him to appear before the board.

2. Final action by board. In any case, final action for acceptance of a registration or enrollment must be taken by a majority of the Board. If a majority of the board rejects an application accepted by the clerk or the deputy clerk, it shall notify the applicant forthwith by first class mail of the rejection and the reason for it.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A. Exception. The names of Presidential Electors must be placed on the petition as a slate. The names of the candidates for President and Vice-President ~~may~~ shall be placed on a petition for the nomination of Presidential Electors.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub- §§ 3, 4, amended. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

3. How signed. It must be signed personally by the voter in ~~the same manner as his name appears on the voting list~~ such manner to satisfy the registrar of each municipality concerned that the person signing the petition is, in fact, listed on the voting list of that municipality.

4. Residence added. After his name, the voter must personally add his place of residence and his street address, if any. Ditto marks are permitted.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 21, § 494, sub-§ 2, additional. Section 494 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 2, to read as follows:

2. Challenge of validity of petitions. Anyone desiring to challenge the validity of a nomination petition must notify the Secretary of State, in writing, of such challenge within 7 days after the final filing date of such petitions.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 21, § 761, amended. Section 761 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 14 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 761. Posting of

The registrar shall post a certified copy of the voting list for each voting district at the usual voting place in that district at least ~~5~~ 7 days before any regular election. He need not post the list before a special election.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 21, § 923, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 923 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

If a replacement ballot was issued to the voter, the election clerk shall so indicate on the outside of the spoiled ballot.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 21, § 1151, amended. The first sentence of section 1151 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

On the written application of a candidate in any election within ~~5~~ 7 days after election day, the clerk shall permit him or his counsel to inspect the ballots and checklists under proper protective regulations.