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Presented by Mr. Brawn of Oakland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Disqualification of Ballots.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 925-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amend-
ed by adding a new section 925-A, to read as follows:

§ 925-A. Disqualification of ballots

Any person engaged at a primary or general election as a ballot clerk, as-
sistant ballot clerk or any person employed as a counter of ballots shall use
pens or pencils containing only red ink or red lead.

Any marks or smudges on the reverse side of a ballot shall not disqualify
the ballot.

Any red marks by pen or pencil on the face or reverse side of a ballot shall
not disqualify the ballot when counted or recounted.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is not to disqualify a ballot if:

1. There are marks or smudges on the reverse side of a ballot;
2. There are red marks on either side of a ballot.