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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " E " to S. P. 493, L. D. 1535, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Revise the Election Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 31 the following:

'Sec. 32. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

A. Instructions printed. The following instructions must be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot: "MAKE A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE SQUARE AT THE ~~RIGHT~~ LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED FOR EACH OFFICE. YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BY WRITING IT OR PASTING A STICKER WITH HIS NAME ON IT IN THE PROPER BLANK SPACE, AND MARKING A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE PROPER SQUARE AT THE ~~RIGHT~~ LEFT. DO NOT ERASE NAMES. NAMES WRITTEN IN OR ON STICKERS MUST SHOW THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE OF EACH WRITE-IN CANDIDATE."

Sec. 33. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, amended. The first sentence of paragraph B of subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The ballot must contain the name, without any title, and place of residence of each candidate arranged under the proper office designation alphabetically-by-surname with the surname first.

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Sec. 34. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, amended. Paragraph D of subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 194 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

D. Space for write-ins. At the end of the list of candidates for nomination to each office, there must be left as many blank spaces as there are vacancies to be filled, in which a voter may write or paste the name, with the surname first, without any title, of any person for whom he desires to vote, in which event he shall write in or paste in the residence of the person whose name is written in, before his vote shall be counted.

Sec. 35. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ F, amended. Paragraph F of subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

F. Squares printed. A square must be printed at the ~~right-of~~ left and close to the name of each candidate or write-in space, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross (X) or a check mark (✓).

Sec. 36. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, additional. Subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph H to read as follows:

H. Name printed. The name of each nominee shall appear on the ballot with the surname first, followed by the given name, middle name or initial or maiden name, as the case may be.

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Further amend said Bill in section 32 by striking out all of the first 3 lines after the amending clause (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Arrangement. The ballot must contain the name and place of residence of each nominee, arranged under the proper office designation with the surname first.'

Further amend said Bill in section 33 by striking out in the 8th line after the amending clause (same in L.D.) the underlined words "Christian name" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'surname'

Further amend said Bill in section 33 by striking out in the 3rd and 4th lines from the end (same in L.D.) the underlined words and punctuation "and immediately to the left of the square,"

Further amend said Bill in section 34 by striking out in the 3rd line after the amending clause (same in L.D.) the underlined word "RIGHT" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'LEFT' and by striking out in the 4th line from the end (same in L.D.) the underlined word "RIGHT" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'LEFT'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 35 the following:

'Sec. 36. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶¶ F and H; amended. Paragraph F, as amended by section 2 of chapter 194 of the public laws of 1969, and paragraph H of subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, are further amended to read as follows:

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F. Space for write-ins. At the end of the list of nominees to each office, there must be left as many blank spaces as there are vacancies to be filled, in which a voter may write the name, with the surname first, without any title, of any person for whom he desires to vote, in which event he shall write in the residence of the person whose name is written in before his vote shall be counted.

H. Squares printed. A square must be printed at the ~~right-of~~ left and close to the name of each nominee or write-in space, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross or a check mark in it.

Sec. 37. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ I, additional.

Subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph I to read as follows:

I. Name printed. The name of each nominee shall appear on the ballot with the surname first, <sup>followed</sup> by the given name, middle name or initial or maiden name, as the case may be.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 38 the following:

'Sec. 39. R. S., T. 21, § 921, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 921 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. Individual square method. He shall place the mark in the square at the ~~right-of~~ left and close to each candidate for nomination for whom he wishes to vote.

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Sec. 40. R. S., T. 21, § 921, sub-§ 2, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection 2 of section 921 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

He shall then place the mark in the square at the ~~right~~ left of it.'

Further amend said Bill in section 39 in that part designated "§ 922." by striking out in the 5th line (same in L.D.) the underlined words "right of" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'left and close to' and in the 11th line (same in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "right" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'left'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

#### Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to correct errors in the election laws because of bill already enacted by the Legislature.

Filed by Mr. Ross of Bath.

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