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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Revise the Election Laws.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 1, sub-§ 9, repealed.** Subsection 9 of section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1, sub-§ 13-A, additional.** Section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 13-A to read as follows:

**13-A. Federal office.** "Federal office" means the office of United States Senator and Representative to Congress.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 1, sub-§ 37, amended.** Subsection 37 of section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**37. State office.** "State office" means the office of ~~United States Senator~~ Governor, ~~Representative to Congress~~ State Senator, Representative to the State Legislature and Presidential Elector.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 21, § 1, sub-§ 38, amended.** Subsection 38 of section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**38. Street address.** "Street address" means the street and number or other designation including zip code indicating the location of a person's dwelling place.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 21, § 43, amended.** The first paragraph of section 43 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 398 of the public laws of 1965 and by chapter 18 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

In a city or town which has a population of ~~4,000~~ 5,000 or over, a board of registration consisting of 3 members must be appointed as follows: one member nominated by the city committees of each of the 2 major parties and appointed by the municipal officers, and the 3rd member appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council ~~except that a~~. A city or town which has a population of 4,000 to 5,000 may, by vote of its legislative body, have a board of registration in lieu of a registrar of voters.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 21, § 43, sub-§ 5, additional.** Section 43 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 5 to read as follows:

5. When open. Each board shall be open to act upon applications for registration and enrollment on at least one business day in each of the months of a January, February and March in each even-numbered year.

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 21, § 102, sub-§ 4, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 4 of section 102 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

When an applicant states in his application that he last voted in another municipality in this State or any other state, the registrar shall send a notice of his new registration, together with the birth date of the applicant, forthwith to the registrar of that municipality.

**Sec. 8. R. S., T. 21, § 102-A, sub-§ 1, ¶ J, repealed.** Paragraph J of subsection 1 of section 102-A of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed.

**Sec. 9. R. S., T. 21, § 171, sub-§ 1, amended.** The 2nd sentence of subsection 1 of section 171 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 109 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows: He shall add the street address of each voter beside his name and mailing address and proper zip code number.

**Sec. 10. R. S., T. 21, § 175, amended.** The first sentence of section 175 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 185 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The registrar may require a deposit but shall furnish a certified copy of the voting list to any person within 10 business days after request at a reasonable price determined by the municipal officers ~~which accrues to the municipality.~~

**Sec. 11. R. S., T. 21, § 241, repealed and replaced.** Section 241 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

#### § 241. General qualifications

A person who meets the following requirements may vote in any election in the municipality in which his residence is established:

1. Citizenship. He must be a citizen of the United States;
2. Age. He must be at least 18 years of age;

3. Residence. In order to vote in any election, he shall have established a residence in this State and in the municipality in which he resides for at least 30 days next prior to election day;

4. Registration. He must be registered to vote in the municipality;

5. Enrollment. In order to vote at a caucus, convention or primary election, he must be enrolled in a party in the municipality.

Sec. 12. R. S., T. 21, § 242, repealed and replaced. Section 242 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 242. Residence

Voting residence is governed by the following provisions:

1. Residence. The residence of a person is that place in which his habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention to return;

2. Change. A change of residence is made only by the act of removal, joined with the intent to remain in another place. There can only be one residence;

3. Loses. A person does not lose his residence if he leaves his home and goes to another country, state or place in this State for temporary purposes only with the intent of returning;

4. Armed services, students, institutional patients, Indians. A person shall not be held to have gained or lost a residence solely by reason of his presence or absence while employed in the service of the United States or of this State, or while a student in any institution of learning, or while kept in any institution or other asylum at public expense, or while confined in any public prison, or while residing upon any Indian or military reservation;

5. Voting in another state. A person loses his residence in this State if he votes in another state's election, either in person or by absentee ballot, and will not be eligible to vote in this State until he again qualifies under section 241;

6. Separate residence. The place where a person's family resides is presumed to be his place of residence, but a person may acquire a separate residence if he takes another abode with the intention of remaining there;

7. Spouse may have separate residence. A married woman may be deemed to have a residence separate from that of her husband for the purposes of voting, holding office or performing jury duty. Her residence for those purposes is determined as if she were single;

8. Becoming 18 on federal property. A person who becomes 18 years of age while residing on federal property as a patient at or an employee of a federal agency, or while in the Armed Forces, is deemed to have gained a voting residence in the municipality in which he resided at the time he became such a patient, employee or serviceman;

9. **Voting residence retained.** A person who has gained a voting residence in a municipality retains it, if he so desires, when he becomes a patient at or an employee of a federal agency where he is required to reside on land ceded to the Federal Government by the State. This rule applies to a member of the Armed Forces or the National Guard who is required to be in a place other than that in which he has gained a voting residence;

10. **Spouse of member of Armed Forces.** A spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty may have the same residence for voting purposes as his or her spouse. A member of the Armed Forces on active duty whose spouse has a place of residence in the State may establish a residence in the place of residence of the spouse by filing with the registrar an affidavit declaring an intention to reside in that place upon severance from the Armed Forces;

11. **Federal property.** A person residing on federal property shall be eligible to register and vote in the voting district in which the federal property is located.

**Sec. 13. R. S., T. 21, § 243, amended.** The first sentence of section 243 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The right to vote in any election in a municipality continues for ~~3 months~~ 30 days after a voter moves from that municipality, if he continues to reside in the State during that period.

**Sec. 14. R. S., T. 21, § 246, sub-§ 4, amended.** Subsection 4 of section 246 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

4. **Right to vote continues.** His right to vote in any election in the town continues for ~~3 months~~ 30 days after he moves from the township, if he continues to reside in the State during that period.

**Sec. 15. R. S., T. 21, c. 9, repealed.** Chapter 9 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 16. R. S., T. 21, § 361, sub-§ 1, amended.** Subsection 1 of section 361 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **Call.** The caucus may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members of the municipal committee of a political party.

**Sec. 17. R. S., T. 21, § 401, amended.** The first paragraph of section 401 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each party shall hold a state convention between March 1st and ~~October~~ August 1st biennially during general election year.

**Sec. 18. R. S., T. 21, § 441, amended.** The first paragraph of section 441 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 9 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The nomination of a candidate by a party for any federal, state or county office, excluding ~~presidential elector~~ Presidential Elector, must be made by primary election.

**Sec. 19. R. S., T. 21, § 441, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 441 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

2. **Limitation.** A person may file as a candidate for any federal, state or county office either by primary election or nomination petition, but not by both.

**Sec. 20. R. S., T. 21, § 443, amended.** The first sentence of section 443 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

A candidate for any federal, state or county office must be a voting resident of the electoral division he seeks to represent on the date established for filing primary petitions in the year he seeks election.

**Sec. 21. R. S., T. 21, § 445, sub-§ 9, amended.** Subsection 9 of section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

9. **When filed.** It must be filed ~~with~~ in the office of the Secretary of State ~~on~~ by or before 9 p.m. on April 1st of the election year in which it is to be used.

**Sec. 22. R. S., T. 21, § 446, sub-§ 1, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 446 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The consent must contain a statement over the signature of the candidate that he will accept the nomination of the primary election ~~that he will not withdraw, and that he will qualify for the office if he is elected.~~

**Sec. 23. R. S., T. 21, § 491, amended.** The first paragraph of section 491 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The nomination of a candidate, other than by a party, for any federal, state or county office must be made by nomination petition.

**Sec. 24. R. S., T. 21, § 491, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 491 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

2. **Limitation.** A person may file as a candidate for any federal, state or county office either by primary election or nomination petition, but not by both.

**Sec. 25. R. S., T. 21, § 533, sub-§ 3, amended.** Subsection 3 of section 533 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 52 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

3. **Candidate or spouse, his mother, father, children, sister or brother.** A candidate or his spouse or his mother, father, children, sister or brother. This does not apply unless the relatives mentioned are election officials in the electoral division from which the candidate seeks election.

**A. Exception.** This does not apply to a candidate for warden or ward clerk or his spouse.

**B. Limitation.** This subsection shall not apply to municipalities with a population of less than 500.

**Sec. 26. R. S., T. 21, § 601, sub-§ 1, amended.** Subsection 1 of section 601 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **How packaged.** The ballots must be packed in sealed, marked packages in standard units as determined by the Secretary of State. ~~The other election materials must be separately packed and marked.~~ ~~The~~ All election materials must be packed in a sealed box or boxes and sent to the clerk of each municipality. ~~The~~ Each box must be labeled on the outside with the number of each kind of material enclosed and the name of the voting place for which they are intended.

**Sec. 27. R. S., T. 21, § 603, sub-§ 1, amended.** Subsection 1 of section 603 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **Provided by municipality.** The municipal officers of each municipality shall provide at least one voting booth or voting machine as described in chapter 25 for each 200 voters qualified to vote at each voting place.

**Sec. 28. R. S., T. 21, § 603, sub-§ 1-A, additional.** Section 603 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 1-A to read as follows:

1-A. **Voting machines.** In municipalities which have voting machines, the municipal officers shall additionally provide sufficient voting booths and paper ballots to insure adequate voting facilities.

**Sec. 29. R. S., T. 21, § 632, sub-§ 2, amended.** The last sentence of subsection 2 of section 632 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

He shall not accept registrations ~~on election day or~~ on the business day next prior to it.

**Sec. 30. R. S., T. 21, § 633, repealed.** Section 633 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 31. R. S., T. 21, § 634, amended.** The first paragraph of section 634 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The registrar shall publish his time schedule established by sections 631 and 632 ~~or as changed by the municipal officers~~ in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality a reasonable time before it becomes effective.

**Sec. 32. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 1, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 1 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by the Initiated Bill, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. **Arrangement.** The ballot must contain the name, without title, and municipality of residence of each nominee, arranged under the proper office designation alphabetically by surname.

**A. Exception.** The names of Presidential Electors must not appear on the ballot.

**Sec. 33.** R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶¶ A and B, repealed and replaced. Paragraphs A and B of subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by the Initiated Bill, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**A. Column listing.** The names of all nominees for office shall as far as possible be placed in one vertical column. When the names to be printed on the ballot are over 25, another column or columns may be added in which the names of the additional nominees shall be printed. When 2 or more columns are used, the same number of names, so far as possible, shall be printed in each column. However, the names of candidates for any one office shall not be split into more than one column regardless of number. The initial letter of the given Christian name of the several candidates in each column shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line and the initial letter of the respective party designations of each nominee shall be printed directly beneath each other in a vertical line.

**B. Party designation.** To the right of the name of each nominee upon the ballot and properly separated from said name, and immediately to the left of the square, in line with the name of the nominee, shall be printed the designation of the party which the nominee represents. The party designations may be abbreviated.

**Sec. 34.** R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, repealed and replaced. Paragraph C of subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 18 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971 and by the Initiated Bill, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

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

**Sec. 35.** R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, repealed. Paragraph D of subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967 and as repealed by the Initiated Bill, is repealed as follows:



**D. Name and residence of nominee.** The ballot must contain the name, without any title, and place of residence of each nominee arranged under the proper office designation alphabetically by surname. The nominees of the same party must be grouped together on the ballot below the party designation. If there is only one nominee under a political designation, his name and the office which he seeks must be printed below that political designation.

(1) **Exception.** The names of presidential electors must not appear on the ballot.

**Sec. 36. R. S., T. 21, § 741, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 2 of section 741 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 108 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

**A. Exceptions.** In any municipality, the municipal officers may permit the polls to remain open till 9 p.m. on election day in a voting place which uses voting machines ~~exclusively~~.

**Sec. 37. R. S., T. 21, § 761, repealed.** Section 761 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed 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 7 days before any regular election. He need not post the list before a special election.~~

**Sec. 38. R. S., T. 21, § 801, sub-§ 2, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 2 of section 801 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. **Election materials distributed and posted.** At any time after receipt thereof and prior to the opening of the polls, the clerk may open the boxes of election materials, break the seals on the packages not marked "ballots," use the materials for instructional purposes, and then post an adequate number of instruction posters and specimen ballots in the voting room outside the guardrail. At the opening of the polls, the warden shall break the seals on the packages containing the ballots, and distribute the ballots to the incoming election clerks.

**Sec. 39. R. S., T. 21, § 922, repealed and replaced.** Section 922 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, and as repealed and replaced by the Initiated Bill, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 922. General election**

A voter shall mark his ballot at a general election with a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) according to the following provisions:

1. **Individual square method.** He shall make a cross or a check mark in the square at the right of each nominee for whom he wishes to vote, regardless of political designation, but must follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office.

2. Write-in vote. If he wishes to vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, he shall write the name and municipality of residence in the blank space provided at the end of the list of nominees for the office in question. He shall then place the mark in the square at the right of it.

A. Stickers prohibited. A sticker may not be used to vote for a write-in candidate.

3. Referendum question. In voting on a referendum question, he shall place the mark in the square of his choice at the right of the question.

Sec. 40. R. S., T. 21, § 925, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, repealed and replaced. Paragraph B of subsection 3 of section 925 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

B. Distinguishing marks. Only the signature or initials of the voter, written on the ballot, shall be deemed the distinguishing mark that will void a ballot.

Sec. 41. R. S., T. 21, § 925-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended 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, assistant ballot clerk or any person employed as a counter of ballots shall use pens or pencils containing only red ink or red lead.

Sec. 42. R. S., T. 21, § 926, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 926 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 164 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding a new subsection 5 to read as follows:

5. In municipalities having 2 or more voting districts where absentee ballots are counted at a place other than the voting district, all absentee ballots, applications and envelopes may be packed together in the same container, which container shall then be sealed publicly.

The portions of subsections 1-A and 2 which are applicable to absentee ballots do not apply to municipalities with 2 or more voting districts where absentee ballots are counted separately.

Sec. 43. R. S., T. 21, § 1069, sub-§ 4, repealed. Subsection 4 of section 1069 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 464 of the public laws of 1967 and as repealed by the Initiated Bill, is repealed as follows:

~~4. Straight party ticket vote. In particular elections the ballot labels shall include a voting square or position whereby the voter may by one mark or punch record a straight party ticket vote for all the candidates of one party, except those offices as to which he votes for individual candidates~~

Sec. 44. R. S., T. 21, § 1253, sub-§ 2, amended. The last sentence of subsection 2 of section 1253 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 8 of chapter 451 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended by section

1 of chapter 161 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The clerk shall ~~write in ink~~ fill in the name of the person for whom the absentee ballot is intended in the upper left hand section of all return envelopes. **Upon receipt of a duplicate application, the clerk shall follow the same procedure, but the first ballot returned shall be the ballot counted.**

**Sec. 45. R. S., T. 21, § 1253, sub-§ 3, amended.** Subsection 3 of section 1253 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

**3. Clerk to list.** The clerk shall keep a list of the persons to whom he furnishes absentee ballots, ~~until after election day, or the clerk shall file the applications and requests in alphabetical order which he shall maintain for a period of 4 years and which shall be a public record.~~

**Sec. 46. R. S., T. 21, § 1255, amended.** The last sentence of section 1255 Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 18 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 22 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

In order to be valid, an absentee ballot must be delivered to the municipal clerk before ~~3 p. m. 8 p. m.~~ on election day ~~except in the presidential election, absentee ballots may be delivered to the clerk at any time before the closing of the polls.~~

**Sec. 47. R. S., T. 21, § 1256, sub-§ 5, amended.** Subsection 5 of section 1256 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

**If more than one return envelope is received from the same voter, the clerk shall deliver to the warden for counting only the return envelope bearing the earliest date and time.**

**Sec. 48. R. S., T. 21, § 1256, sub-§ 5, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 5 of section 1256 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 23 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

**This exception does not apply to municipalities with 2 or more voting precincts where absentee ballots are counted at a place other than the voting district.**

**Sec. 49. R. S., T. 21, § 1256, sub-§ 6, additional.** Section 1256 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967 and by section 23 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding a new subsection 6 to read as follows:

**6. At the close of voting in municipalities with 2 or more voting districts, the check list shall be returned to the clerk for use in processing the absentee votes. The check list shall be unsealed, used in processing the absentee ballots, and released in accordance with section 992, except that the clerk shall countersign each copy.**

**Sec. 50. R. S., T. 21, § 1259, sub-§ 7, additional.** Section 1259 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 20 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding a new subsection 7 to read as follows:

7. In municipalities with 2 or more voting precincts the absentee votes may be counted at a place designated by the clerk under the same procedures prescribed in this section, except that the ballots shall be counted under the supervision of the clerk.

**Sec. 51. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

2. Certain spending prohibited. The spending of money for alcoholic beverages on election day is prohibited.

**Sec. 52. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, additional.** Subsection 3 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 207 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 579, both of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding a new paragraph A to read as follows:

**A. Exception.** Expenditures by candidates for the office of State Senator and Representative to the Legislature shall be based on biennial salary.

**Sec. 53. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, additional.** Subsection 4 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 207 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding a new paragraph A to read as follows:

**A. Exception.** Expenditures by candidates for the office of State Senator and Representative to the Legislature shall be based on biennial salary.

**Sec. 54. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 10, amended.** Subsection 10 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 207 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

10. **Written political material.** ~~Every~~ All written political advertisement material published and distributed as a flyer, handbill or other nonperiodical publication shall state thereon the name of the person or committee responsible for the publication or distribution of the material or the name of the print shop, printer or person printing, mimeographing or otherwise publishing the advertisement material.

**Sec. 55. R. S., T. 21, § 1471, amended.** The first paragraph of section 1471 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

If a candidate for nomination dies, withdraws or becomes disqualified after having filed his primary petition, so that a party has less fewer candidates than there are offices to be filled, the vacancy may be filled as follows:

**Sec. 56. R. S., T. 21, § 1572, sub-§ 1, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 1572 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The municipal officers may divide a town or ward into ~~not more than 5~~ convenient voting districts after public notice and hearing held at least 60 days before any election.

**Sec. 57. R. S., T. 21, § 1579, sub-§ 4, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 4 of section 1579 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**4. Dual registration.** A person who, having registered in one voting district or municipality within this State, or in another state, knowingly registers in another voting district or municipality within this State without revealing his prior registration to the registrar;

**Sec. 58. R. S., T. 21, § 1579, sub-§ 20, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 20 of section 1579 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**20. Improper voting.** A person who votes or attempts to vote knowing that he is not eligible to do so, or who having once voted either within or without this State, again votes or attempts to vote at the same election;