

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

---

---

HOUSE.

No. 360.

---

---

## STATE OF MAINE.

---

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND NINETY-SEVEN

---

AN ACT in relation to Political Caucuses in Cities.

---

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The city committees of any political party are  
2 hereby authorized to fix the time and place of and call all  
3 ward and general caucuses of their respective parties; pro-  
4 vided, however, that such call shall be by public notice  
5 posted in conspicuous places in each ward of the city where  
6 such caucus is to be held, at least six days before the time of  
7 holding such caucus.

Sect. 2. The board of registration in cities shall, at the  
2 request of said committees in their respective cities, furnish  
3 them with a certified copy of the correct lists of voters, by  
4 wards, used in their said cities at the election next preced-  
5 ing any caucus called under the provisions of this act, the

6 expense of furnishing such copy to be paid as other expenses  
7 of boards of registration are now paid.

Sect. 3. Whenever fifty or more voters of the same politi-  
2 cal party shall, in writing, request the city committee of the  
3 party to which they belong to use said voting lists as check  
4 lists in any caucus of their party called or about to be called,  
5 then said voting lists shall be so used to determine the right  
6 to vote of any person claiming that right, and no person  
7 shall vote in the caucus in which such voting lists are used  
8 as check lists, unless his name shall appear upon said lists;  
9 but said voting lists may be used as check lists in caucuses  
10 when no such request of fifty voters has been made; pro-  
11 vided, however, that no person shall be deprived of the right  
12 to vote in a caucus of his own party who shall have gained  
13 the right to vote in the election then next ensuing, by hav-  
14 ing reached the age of majority, or by having gained the  
15 right to vote in such election by residence subsequent to the  
16 time when the lists of voters referred to in section two of  
17 this act shall have been made.

Sect. 4. No person shall vote in any caucus called by a  
2 committee of a party of which he is not a member. Who-  
3 ever shall violate the provisions of this section shall be  
4 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall  
5 be subject to a penalty of not less than five nor more than  
6 fifty dollars, to be recovered as other fines and penalties for  
7 misdemeanors are now recovered.

Sect. 5. In any call for a caucus as provided for by this  
2 act, the committee calling the same may designate in the  
3 call, the time when the polls for receiving votes shall be  
4 open and, allowing in all cases, a reasonable length of time  
5 for said polls to remain open, may further designate in such

6 call the time when said polls shall be closed, and the time of  
7 closing said polls, when so designated, shall not by any vote  
8 of those taking part in such caucus be made earlier than  
9 the time designated in the call, but the time of closing said  
10 polls may be extended a reasonable time by vote of the legal  
11 voters present when such vote is taken.

Sect. 6. This act shall not apply to cities of more than  
2 twenty-five thousand inhabitants.

STATE OF MAINE.

---

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
March 22, 1897.

Reported by Mr. PHILBROOK of Waterville, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*