

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 413

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT in relation to Political Caucuses in towns.

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

Section 1. The town committee of any political party are
2 hereby authorized to fix the time and place of and call all gen-
3 eral caucuses of their respective parties ; provided, however,
4 that such call shall be by public notice posted in three con-
5 spicuous places in the town where such caucus is to be held
6 at least six days before the time of holding such caucus.

Sect. 2. The municipal officers of any town shall, at the re-
2 quest of said committees in their respective towns furnish
3 them with a certified copy of a correct list of voters, used in
4 their said town at the election next preceding any caucus
5 called under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 3. Whenever ten or more voters of the same political
2 party shall, in writing, request the town 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 list 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 ten voters has been made ; provided,
11 however, that no person shall be deprived of the right to vote
12 in a caucus of his own party, who shall have gained the right
13 in the election then next ensuing, by having reached the age of
14 majority, or by having gained the right to vote in such elec-
15 tion by residence subsequent to the time when the lists of vot-
16 ers referred to in section two of this act shall have been made.

Sect. 4. No person shall vote in any caucus called by a com-
2 mittee of a party of which he is not a member. Whoever
3 shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed
4 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject
5 to a penalty of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars,
6 to be recovered as other fines and penalties for misdemeanors
7 are 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 open
4 and allowing in all cases, sufficient length of time for all legal
5 voters to cast their ballot.

Sect. 6. This act shall not apply to cities.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 14, 1901.

Reported by Mr. PATTANGALL of Machias, from Committee on Legal
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*