

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 439

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in relation to political caucuses in the city of
Lewiston.

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

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

Section 2. The assessors of said Lewiston in making the
2 annual lists of persons liable to be assessed for a poll tax,
3 as now required by law, shall ascertain, so far as possible,
4 the political party of which each person is a member, or

5 with which he purposes to act, if any, and shall designate
6 such party against his name in all lists so made and trans-
7 mitted, as required by law, to the board of registration in said
8 Lewiston, and in all additions to and corrections of such as-
9 sessor's lists so made and transmitted.

Section 3. The board of registration in said Lewiston, as
2 soon as may be after the receipt of such assessors' lists
3 and before the tenth day of July in each year, shall give
4 notice by mail of such designation to every person against
5 whose name the same appears, with notice that the same
6 will be placed upon the certified copies of the voting lists
7 to be used in caucuses as hereinafter provided, unless he
8 requests some other party designation in person or by writ-
9 ing, on or before the first day of August next. Said board
10 shall at the same time so notify every person having no
11 party designation upon the assessors' lists of the fact of
12 such omission, and that his name will bear no party desig-
13 nation upon the voting lists unless he requests said board,
14 in person or by writing on or before the first day of August
15 next, to make such designation. In case of additions to
16 and corrections in the original assessors' lists, such notices
17 shall be issued immediately upon receipt thereof by the said
18 board. Said board of registration shall be in public ses-
19 sion from nine in the forenoon to one o'clock in the after-
20 noon, and from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, and
21 from seven until nine o'clock in the afternoon on each of
22 the five secular days next prior to the first day of August
23 of each year for the purpose of making additions to said
24 lists and changes and corrections in the party designation
25 of voters. And said board of registration shall from time to
26 time when required add to said lists of voters the names of
27 such persons as shall have acquired the right to vote in Lew-

28 iston by reason of having become twenty-one years of age
29 or by reason of having acquired a voting residence therein,
30 being in each case, otherwise qualified to vote, and shall
31 properly designate the same upon said lists.

Sect. 4. The board of registration shall at the request of
2 the committees of the political parties in said Lewiston
3 furnish them with certified copies of the correct lists of vot-
4 ers, by wards, or precincts used in their said city at the
5 election next preceding any caucus called under the pro-
6 visions of this act, the expense of furnishing such copies to
7 be paid as other expenses of said board of registration are
8 now paid. The copies so furnished shall contain against
9 the name of every voter, the party designation requested by
10 such voter as above provided, if any, and in default thereof
11 the party designation returned by the assessors as above
12 provided, if any.

Sect. 5. Said certified copies of the lists of voters shall be
2 used in all party caucuses held in said Lewiston for the
3 nomination of candidates to be voted for in city elections,
4 or for the choice of delegates for county, district and state
5 conventions.

Sect. 6. No person shall be allowed to vote in any caucus
2 of any political party held in said Lewiston for any of the
3 above purposes unless the designation of that party
4 appears against his name in the certified copy of the voting
5 list used in such caucus.

Sect. 7. 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 or later
9 than the time designated in the call.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed as far as they apply to the city of Lewis-
3 ton.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 15, 1901.

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*