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No. 445

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 Bangor.

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 Bangor are hereby authorized to fix the time and 3 place of and call ward and general caucuses of their respec-4 tive parties; provided, however, that such call shall be by 5 public notice posted in conspicuous places in each ward of 6 said city where such caucus is to be held, at least six days 7 before the time of holding such caucus.

Sect. 2. The assessors of said Bangor in making the an-2 nual lists of persons liable to be assessed for a poll tax, as 3 now required by law, shall ascertain, so far as possible, the

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4 political party of which each person is a member, or with 5 which he purposes to act, if any, and shall designate such 6 party against his name in all lists so made and transmitted, 7 as required by law, to the board of registration in said Ban-8 gor, and in all additions to and corrections of such assessor's 9 lists so made and transmitted.

Sect. 3. The board of registration in said Bangor, as soon 2 as may be after the receipt of such assessors' lists, and before 3 the tenth day of July in each year, shall give notice by mail, 4 of such designation to every person against whose name the 5 same appears, with notice that the same will be placed upon 6 the certified copies of the voting lists to be used in caucuses 7 as hereinafter provided, unless he requests some other party 8 designation in person or by writing, on or before the first 9 day of August next. Said board shall at the same time so 10 notify every person having no party designation upon the II assessors' lists of the fact of such omission and that his 12 name will bear no party designation upon the voting lists 13 unless he requests said board, in person or by writing on or 14 before the first day of August next, to make such designa-15 tion. In case of additions to and corrections in the original 16 assessors' lists, such notices shall be issued immediately upon 17 receipt thereof by the said board. Said board of registration 18 shall be in public session from nine in the forenoon to one 19 o'clock in the afternoon, and from three to five o'clock in the 20 afternoon, and from seven until nine o'clock in the afternoon 21 on each of the five secular days next prior to the first day of 22 August of each year for the purpose of making additions to 23 said lists and changes and corrections in the party designa-24 tion of voters. And said board of registration shall from 25 time to time when required, add to said lists of voters the 26 names of such persons as shall have acquired the right to 27 vote in Bangor by reason of having become twenty-one years 28 of age or by reason of having acquired a voting residence 29 therein, being in each case, otherwise qualified to vote, and 30 shall 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 Bangor furnish 3 them with certified copies of the correct lists of voters, by 4 wards, or precincts used in their said city at the election next 5 preceding any caucus called under the provisions of this act, 6 the expense of furnishing such copies to be paid as other ex-7 penses of said board of registration are now paid. The 8 copies so furnished shall contain against the name of every 9 voter, the party designation requested by such voter as above 10 provided, if any, and in default thereof, the party designa-11 tion returned by the assessors as above provided, if any.

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

Sect. 6. No person shall be allowed to vote in any caucus 2 of any political party held in said Bangor for any of the 3 above purposes unless the designation of that party appears 4 against his name in the certified copy of the voting list used 5 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 open, 4 and allowing in all cases, a reasonable length of time for said 5 polls to remain open, may further designate in such call the 6 time when said polls shall be closed, and the time of closing 7 said polls, when so designated, shall not by any vote of those 8 taking part in such caucus be made earlier or later than the 9 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 Ban-3 gor.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.