

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 21

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and two, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-seven, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to providing for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and regulating voting for State and city elections.

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

Section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and two, Public
2 Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one as amended by
3 chapter two hundred and sixty-seven, Public Laws of eight-
4 een hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by inserting
5 in the twelfth line thereof, after the word, "choice," the
6 words: 'Or if the voter places and sticks on and over the
7 name or names of any candidate or candidates for any office

8 or offices, a small strip or strips of paper, commonly known
9 as a sticker or stickers, bearing thereon a name or names
10 other than the name or names of the candidate or candidates
11 so erased or covered up, the name or names of such candidate
12 or candidates so covered shall be considered to be erased from
13 the ballot, and the person or persons whose name or names
14 shall so appear on such strip or strips of paper so placed and
15 stuck on the ballot, shall be deemed to be voted for by the
16 voter as candidate or candidates for such office or offices.’
17 So that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 24. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith,
19 and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of
20 the voting shelves or compartments so provided, and shall
21 prepare his ballot by marking in the appropriate margin or
22 place, a cross (X) as follows: He may place such mark
23 within the square above the name of the party group or ticket,
24 in which case he shall be deemed to have voted for all the
25 persons named in the group under such party or designation.
26 And if the voter shall desire to vote for any person or per-
27 sons, whose name or names are not printed as candidates on
28 the party group or ticket, he may erase any name or names
29 which are printed on the group or party ticket, and under the
30 name or names so erased he may fill in the name or names
31 of the candidates of his choice. Or if the voter places and
32 sticks on and over the name or names of any candidate or
33 candidates for any office or offices, a small strip or strips of
34 paper, commonly known as a sticker or stickers, bearing
35 thereon a name or names other than the name or names of the
36 candidate or candidates so erased or covered up, the name or
37 names of such candidate or candidates so covered shall be
38 considered to be erased from the ballot, and the person or
39 persons whose name or names shall so appear on such strip
40 or strips of paper so placed and stuck on the ballot, shall be
41 deemed to be voted for by the voter as candidate or candi-

42 dates for such office or offices. Or if the voter does not desire
43 to vote for a person or persons whose name or names are
44 printed upon the party group or ticket, he may erase such
45 name or names with the effect that the ballot shall not be
46 counted for the candidate or candidates whose names are so
47 erased. In case of a question submitted to the vote of the
48 people he shall place such mark in the appropriate margin
49 above the answer which he desires to give. Before leaving
50 the voting shelf or compartment, the voter shall fold his bal-
51 lot without displaying the marks thereon, in the same way it
52 was folded when received by him, and he shall keep the same
53 so folded until he has voted. He shall vote in the manner
54 now provided by law before leaving the enclosed space, and
55 shall deposit his ballot in the box with the official endorse-
56 ment uppermost. He shall mark and deposit his ballot with-
57 out undue delay and shall quit said enclosed space as soon
58 as he has voted. No such voter shall be allowed to occupy
59 a voting shelf or compartment already occupied by another,
60 or to remain within said enclosed space more than ten
61 minutes, or to occupy a voting shelf or compartment for more
62 than five minutes in case all of such shelves or compartments
63 are in use, and other voters are waiting to occupy the same.
64 No voter not an election officer or an election clerk, whose
65 name has been checked on the list of the ballot clerks, shall
66 be allowed to re-enter said enclosed space during said elec-
67 tion. The presiding election officer or officers, for the time
68 being, shall secure the observance of the provisions of this
69 section.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, January 29, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*