

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 117

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to fix qualification for participation in party caucuses,  
and providing for notice of caucuses.

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

Section 1. No person shall participate in any caucus of  
2 any political party unless qualified therefor by enrollment as  
3 hereinafter provided. Any person violating this section, or  
4 making any wilfully false statement of fact in his declaration  
5 of enrollment, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five  
6 hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six  
7 months.

Sect. 2. Any person who is a legally qualified voter, may  
2 enroll himself as a member of any political party by filing  
3 with the clerk of the town where he resides, a declaration in  
4 writing, signed by him, of his election to enroll himself as a

5 member of the party designated by him, which declaration  
6 shall be substantially as follows:

I \_\_\_\_\_ being a legally qualified voter of the \_\_\_\_\_  
8 of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby elect to enroll myself as a member of the  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ party. The following statement of name, resi-  
10 dence, place of last enrollment if any, and party of last enroll-  
11 ment, if any, is true.

Name.	City or town of residence.	Street.	Number.	Place of last enrollment.	Party of last enrollment.
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(Date)

(Signature)

A new enrollment may be made at any time. But after  
13 such new enrollment, if a different party be designated, the  
14 person making such new enrollment shall not be entitled to  
15 participate in any caucus of such newly designated party for  
16 the period of six months after his enrollment therein.

Sect. 3. The clerk of the town where the enrollment is  
2 made as above provided shall receive and file the same,  
3 indorsing thereon the date of filing, and shall record the  
4 name, residence, place of last enrollment, party of last enroll-  
5 ment, and date of filing, in a separate book for the enrollment  
6 of members of each political party, entering the names alpha-  
7 betically.

Suitable blanks for filing such enrollment shall be provided  
9 by the town clerks, and in addition thereto they shall provide  
10 books with proper headings embodying the enrollment state-  
11 ments above provided, which the person desiring to enroll  
12 may sign and fill out, thereby enrolling himself with the same  
13 effect as by filing such enrollment paper.

Such books shall be public records, and shall at all times be  
15 open to public inspection.

Sect. 4. Notices of caucuses, signed by the chairman and  
2 secretary shall be issued by each town committee not less than  
3 seven days prior to the day on which the caucuses are to be  
4 held.

They shall be conspicuously posted in at least five places on  
6 the highways or streets of each voting precinct and shall state  
7 the place, day and hour of holding such caucuses.

In case voting is by use of check lists a sufficient time shall  
9 be allowed for all to vote, and the call for the caucus shall  
10 state the hours fixed by the committee for the opening and  
11 closing of the poll.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect July first, 1903.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 13, 1903.

Tabled pending reference to Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr.  
OAKES of Auburn, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*