

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 471

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 10 of chapter 6 and section 12 of
chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the regulation
and conduct of elections.

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

Section 10 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes is hereby
2 amended by inserting the words 'or questions' after the word
3 "question" in the twenty-second line of said section and by
4 striking out the words "the ballot after the list of candidates"
5 in the twenty-second line of said section 10 and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the words 'a separate ballot' so that said section
7 as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 10. Every general ballot or ballot intended for
9 the use of all voters, which shall be printed in accordance
10 with the provisions of this chapter, shall contain the names
11 and residences, ward residences in city elections, of all

12 candidates whose nominations for any office specified in the
13 ballot have been duly made and not withdrawn in accord-
14 ance herewith, and the office for which they have been
15 severally nominated and shall contain no other names except
16 that in case of electors of president and vice-president of the
17 United States, the names of the candidates for president
18 and vice-president may be added to the party or political
19 designation. The names of candidates nominated by any
20 party shall be grouped together upon the ballot. Above
21 each group shall be placed the name of the political party by
22 which the candidates comprising such group were placed in
23 nomination, or by the political designation as described in
24 the certificate of nomination, or nomination papers under a
25 square. If only one person be nominated by any party, or
26 under any political designation, his name with the office for
27 which he is a candidate shall be printed by itself under the
28 name of such party or political designation. A blank space
29 shall be left after the name of the candidates for each differ-
30 ent office in which the voter may insert the name of any
31 person for whom he desires to vote as candidate for such
32 office. Whenever the approval of a constitutional amend-
33 ment or other question is submitted to the vote of the people
34 such question or questions shall be printed upon a separate
35 ballot. The ballots shall be so printed as to leave a blank
36 space, above such amendment or question so as to give each
37 voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark (X)
38 therein, his answers to the questions submitted and on the
39 ballot may be printed such words as will aid the voter to do
40 this as "yes," "no," and the like. The ballot shall be not less
41 than four inches in width and not less than six inches in
42 length. Before distribution the ballots shall be so folded in
43 marked creases that their width and length when folded shall
44 be uniform. On the back and outside, when folded, shall be

45 printed "Official ballot for," followed by the designation of
46 the polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of
47 the election and a facsimile of the signature of the secre-
48 tary of State or city clerk who has caused the ballot to be
49 printed. Except as otherwise herein provided, ballot shall
50 be printed upon clean white paper without any distinguishing
51 mark or figures thereon.

And by amending section 12 of chapter 6 of the Revised
53 Statutes by inserting after the word "ballots" in the second
54 line the following words 'and two sets of ballots containing
55 any constitutional amendment or other question submitted to
56 the vote of the people,' so that said section as amended shall
57 read as follows:

'Section 12. There shall be provided for each voting place,
59 at which an election is to be held, two sets of such general
60 ballots and two sets of ballots containing any constitutional
61 amendment or other question submitted to the vote of the
62 people, each of not less than sixty for every fifty and frac-
63 tion of fifty votes cast in said voting place at the next pre-
64 ceding election, city, state or national, corresponding to the
65 election for which said ballots are to be provided.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 9, 1905.

Reported by Mr. HALE from Committee on Judiciary and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*