

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 514

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section 22 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the better arrangement of shelves in the polling places.

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

Section 1. That section 22 of chapter 6 be amended by  
2 striking out in the second sentence, and substituting in its  
3 place the following:

‘The arrangement shall be such that the voting shelves or  
5 compartments shall not be less than one and one-half feet  
6 from the floor, and the top of the same not more than five  
7 feet from the floor, and so placed as to be hidden from the  
8 view of all persons not participating in voting; and it is also

9 provided that, there shall be inside the guard rail, and in view  
10 of all others, a voting shelf or compartment for the exclusive  
11 use of voters who require the assistance of election clerks in  
12 marking their ballot. The ballot boxes shall not be hidden  
13 from the view of persons outside the guard rail.'

Section 2. So that the section shall read:

'The municipal officers of each city, town or plantation, as  
3 aforesaid, shall cause the polling places therein to be suitably  
4 provided with a sufficient number of voting shelves or com-  
5 partments, at or in which voters may conveniently mark their  
6 ballots, so that in the marking thereof they shall be screened  
7 from the observation of others and a guard rail shall be so  
8 constructed and placed that only such persons as are inside  
9 said rail can approach within six feet of the ballot boxes, and  
10 of such voting shelves or compartments. The arrangement  
11 of said voting shelves shall be such that there shall be an  
12 open space of at least one and one-half feet between voting  
13 shelf and floor, (uninclosed) and the top of the same not  
14 more than five feet from the floor, and so placed as to be  
15 hidden from the view of all persons not participating in  
16 voting; and it is also provided, that there shall be inside the  
17 guard rail, and in view of all others, a voting shelf or com-  
18 partment for the exclusive use of all voters who require the  
19 assistance of election clerks in marking their ballots. The  
20 ballot boxes shall not be hidden from the view of persons  
21 outside the guard rail. The number of such voting shelves  
22 or compartments shall not be less than one for every one  
23 hundred voters qualified to vote at such polling place, and  
24 not less than three in any town, and not less than five in any  
25 ward of a city. No persons other than the election officers,  
26 election clerks and voters admitted, as hereinafter provided,  
27 shall be permitted with said rail, except by the authority of  
28 the presiding election officer or officers for the purpose of

29 keeping order and enforcing the law. Each voting shelf or  
30 compartment shall be kept provided with proper supplies and  
31 conveniences for marking ballots.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, March 10, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*