

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 2

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section twenty-two of chapter six of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and five, relating to the Regulation and Conduct of Elections.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-two of chapter six of the Revised  
2 Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-eight  
3 of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and five  
4 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inches" in  
5 the ninth line of said section the words, 'and not more than  
6 three feet,' so that said section as amended shall read as  
7 follows:

'Sect. 22. The municipal officers in each city, town or  
9 plantation, as aforesaid, shall cause the polling places therein

10 to be suitably provided with a sufficient number of voting  
11 shelves and compartments, at or in which voters may con-  
12 veniently mark their ballots so that in the marking thereof  
13 they shall be screened from the observation of others, and  
14 each voting shelf and compartment shall have a wooden  
15 swing door so arranged that the top thereof shall be not less  
16 than six feet from the floor and the bottom of the door shall  
17 be at least two feet and six inches and not more than three  
18 feet from the floor. And such door shall be shut while the  
19 voter is within the compartment and no one shall be allowed  
20 therein with him, unless he calls for assistance in the marking  
21 of his ballot and such assistance shall be so furnished accord-  
22 ing to the provisions of this act, and a guard rail shall be so  
23 constructed and placed that only such persons as are inside  
24 said rail can approach within six feet of the ballot boxes and  
25 of such voting shelves and compartments. The arrange-  
26 ment shall be such that the ballot boxes shall not be hidden  
27 from the view of persons present and the voting shelves and  
28 compartments shall be so arranged that the door of each  
29 compartment shall be next to the guard rail, so as to admit  
30 to full view of the persons just outside of the guard rail  
31 those who enter and leave each compartment. The number  
32 of such voting shelves and compartments shall not be less  
33 than one for every one hundred voters qualified to vote at  
34 such polling place, and not less than three in any town, and  
35 not less than five in any ward of a city. No persons other  
36 than the election officers, election clerks and voters admitted  
37 as hereinafter provided, shall be permitted within said rail,  
38 except by authority of the presiding election officer or officers

39 for the purpose of keeping order and enforcing the law.  
40 Each voting shelf and compartment shall be kept provided  
41 with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the  
42 ballots.'

Sect. 2. Section two of chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 eight of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and  
3 five is hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, January 10, 1907.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. McKENNEY of  
Bridgton, and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*