

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 4

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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 chapter six of the Revised Statutes, 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. Chapter six of the Revised Statutes is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section ten, as amended by chapter  
3 one hundred and thirty-five of the Public Laws of 1905, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 10. Every general ballot, or ballot intended for the  
6 use of all voters, which shall be printed in accordance with  
7 the provisions of this chapter, shall contain the names and  
8 residences, ward residences in city elections, of all candidates  
9 whose nominations for any office specified in the ballot have  
10 been duly made and not withdrawn in accordance herewith,  
11 and the office for which they have been severally nominated  
12 and shall contain no other names except that in case of elect-  
13 ors of president and vice-president of the United States, the

14 names of the candidates for president and vice-president may  
15 be added to the party or political designation.

To the name of each candidate shall be added his party or  
17 political designation, expressed in accordance with section  
18 five. No greater number of candidates for any office, bear-  
19 ing the same designation, nominated otherwise than by  
20 nomination papers, shall be placed upon the official ballot than  
21 are to be elected.

If the name of a political party is used in connection with  
23 some other name or term as the designation of a candidate  
24 nominated by a nomination paper, the words "nomination  
25 paper," or "nom. paper," shall be added to such political  
26 designation.

If a candidate shall receive the nomination of more than one  
28 party or more than one political designation for the same  
29 office, he may, within the seventy-two hours next succeeding  
30 five o'clock of the last day fixed for the filing of nomination  
31 papers, by a writing delivered to the officer or board required  
32 by law to prepare the official ballot, direct in what order the  
33 several nominations or political designations shall be added  
34 to his name upon the official ballot; and such directions shall  
35 be followed by the said officer or board. If, during said time,  
36 said candidate shall neglect to direct in writing as aforesaid,  
37 then said officer or board shall add said nominations or  
38 political designations to the name of said candidate upon the  
39 official ballot in such order as said officer or board shall  
40 determine.

The names of candidates for every office, except the names  
42 of candidates for presidential electors, shall be arranged  
43 under the designation of the office in alphabetical order  
44 according to the surnames; but the names of candidates for  
45 the same office but for different terms of service therein shall  
46 be arranged in groups according to the length of their  
47 respective terms. Blank spaces shall be left at the end of

48 the list of candidates for each different office, equal to the  
49 number to be elected thereto, in which the voter may insert  
50 the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom  
51 he desires to vote for such office. If the approval of a con-  
52 stitutional amendment or any other question is submitted to  
53 the voters, it shall be printed on the ballot after the names of  
54 the candidates.

Ballots shall be so printed as to give to each voter an oppor-  
56 tunity to designate by a cross (X) in a square at the right  
57 of the name and designation of each candidate, and at the  
58 right of each question, his choice of candidates and his  
59 answer to such question; and upon the ballots may be printed  
60 such directions as will aid the voter; for example, "vote for  
61 one," "vote for two," "yes," "no," and the like.

The ballot shall be not less than four inches in width and  
63 not less than six inches in length. Before distribution the  
64 ballots shall be so folded in marked creases that their width  
65 and length when folded shall be uniform. On the back and  
66 outside, when folded, shall be printed "Official ballot for,"  
67 followed by the designation of the polling place for which the  
68 ballot is prepared, the date of the election and a facsimile of  
69 the signature of the secretary of State or city clerk who has  
70 caused the ballot to be printed. Except as otherwise herein  
71 provided, ballots shall be printed upon clean white paper  
72 without any distinguishing mark or figures thereon.

Sect. 2. Said chapter six of the Revised Statutes is further  
2 amended by striking out section twenty-four and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:

'Sect. 24. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith,  
5 and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one  
6 of the voting shelves or compartments so provided and shall  
7 prepare his ballot by making a cross (X) in the square at  
8 the right of the name of each candidate for whom he intends  
9 to vote or by inserting the name of such candidate in the

10 space provided therefor and making a cross in the square at  
11 the right; and, upon a question submitted to the vote of the  
12 people, by making a cross in the square at the right of the  
13 answer which he intends to give.

A voter may vote for an entire group of candidates for  
15 presidential electors by making a cross (X) in the square at  
16 the right of the party or political designation immediately  
17 above such group. If a voter does not intend to vote for any  
18 one candidate in the group, he may erase his name, and the  
19 cross shall count as a vote for each of the other candidates  
20 in such group. If a voter desires to vote for another person  
21 in place of a candidate whose name he has erased, he may  
22 insert his name in one of the blank spaces and make a cross  
23 in the square at the right thereof. A voter who does not  
24 mark for any group of candidates may vote for candidates  
25 for electors, up to the number to be elected, by inserting  
26 names in the blank spaces at the end of the groups of electors  
27 and making a cross in the square at the right of each name  
28 so inserted.'

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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.*