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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 631

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT in relation to Political Caucuses in the City of Old  
Town.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. The city committee of all political parties in  
2 the city of Old Town are hereby authorized to fix the time  
3 and place of and call ward and general caucuses of their re-  
4 spective parties; provided, however, that such call shall be  
5 by public notice posted in two conspicuous places in each  
6 ward of said city where such caucus is to be held at least  
7 seven days before the time of holding such caucus.

Sect. 2. The assessors of said Old Town in making the  
2 annual list of persons liable to be assessed for a poll tax, as  
3 now required by law, shall ascertain, so far as possible, the  
4 political party of which each person is a member, or with  
5 which he purposes to act, if any, and shall designate such  
6 party against his name in all lists so made and transmitted,  
7 as required by law, to the board of registration in said Old  
8 Town, and in all additions to and corrections of such as-  
9 sorsors' lists so made and transmitted.

Sect. 3. The board of registration in said Old Town, as  
2 soon as may be after the receipt of such assessors' list, and  
3 before the first day of August in each year, shall give notice  
4 by mail, of such designation to every person against whose  
5 name the same appears, with notice that the same will be  
6 placed upon the certified copies of the voting lists to be used  
7 in caucuses as hereinafter provided, unless he requests some  
8 other party designation in person or by writing, on or before  
9 the 20th day of August next. Said board shall at the same  
10 time so notify every person having no party designation upon  
11 the assessors' lists of the fact of such omission and that his  
12 name will bear no party designation upon the voting lists  
13 unless he request said board, in person or by writing on or  
14 before the 20th day of August next, to make such designa-  
15 tion. In case of additions to and corrections in the original  
16 assessors' list, such notices shall be issued immediately upon

17 receipt thereof by said board. Said board of registration  
18 shall be in public session from nine in the forenoon to one  
19 o'clock in the afternoon, and from three to five o'clock in the  
20 afternoon, and from seven until nine o'clock in the afternoon  
21 on each of the two secular days next prior to the 20th day of  
22 August of each year for the purpose of making additions to  
23 said lists and changes and corrections in the party designa-  
24 tions of voters. And thereafter said board of registration  
25 shall from time to time add to said lists all names which  
26 have been added to the list of voters, with the party designa-  
27 tion, if any, and shall take from said list all names which  
28 have been stricken from the list of voters.

Sect. 4. After the board of registration shall have made  
2 the list of voters for the year nineteen hundred and nine with  
3 the party designation as provided in section three of said  
4 act, such party designation shall remain the same on that list  
5 and the lists for subsequent years unless a voter in person  
6 or in writing signed by him, shall request his party designa-  
7 tion to be changed at the August session of each year as  
8 herein provided.

Sect. 5. The board of registration shall at the request  
2 of the committees of the political parties in said Old Town  
3 furnish them with certified copies of the correct lists of  
4 voters, by wards, or precincts used in their said city at the

5 election next preceding any caucus called under the pro-  
6 visions of this act, the expense of furnishing such copies to  
7 be paid as other expenses of said board of registration are  
8 now paid. The copies so furnished shall contain against  
9 the name of every voter, the party designation requested by  
10 such voter as above provided, if any, and in default thereof,  
11 the party designation returned by the assessors as above  
12 provided, if any.

Sect. 6. Said certified copies of the lists of voters shall  
2 be used in all party caucuses held in said Old Town for the  
3 nomination of candidates to be voted for in city elections, or  
4 for the choice of delegates for county, district and State con-  
5 ventions, if the city committee shall so determine and pro-  
6 vide in the call and such committee shall be required to pro-  
7 vide for the use of such list upon written request of ten or  
8 more voters of the party filed with the chairman or clerk  
9 of the committee at any time before the call is posted.

Sect. 7. No person shall be allowed to vote in any caucus  
2 of any political party held in said Old Town for any of the  
3 above purposes unless the designation of the party appears  
4 against his name in the certified copy of the voting list used  
5 in such caucus.

Sect. 8. In any call for a caucus as provided for by this  
2 act, the committee calling the same may designate, in the  
3 call, the time when the polls for receiving votes shall be

4 open, and allowing in all cases a reasonable length of time  
5 for said polls to remain open, may further designate in such  
6 call, the time when said polls shall be closed, and the time  
7 of closing said polls when so designated shall not by any vote  
8 of those taking part in such caucus be made earlier or later  
9 than the time designated in the call.

Sect. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are  
2 hereby repealed as far as they apply to the city of Old Town.







STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1909.

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and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*