

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 286

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section twenty-two of chapter six 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 1. Chapter six of the Revised Statutes is hereby
2 amended by striking out section twenty-two as amended
3 by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the Public Laws of
4 the year one thousand nine hundred and five, and insert-
5 ing in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 22. The municipal officers in each city, town or
7 plantation as aforesaid shall cause each polling place in
8 their respective cities, towns and plantations to be provide
9 with a sufficient number of suitable marking shelves or

10 compartments where voters may conveniently and secretly
11 mark their ballots; and they shall cause a guard rail to be
12 so placed that only persons who are inside thereof can ap-
13 proach within six feet of the ballot boxes or of the mark-
14 ing shelves or compartments. The ballot boxes and the
15 making shelves or compartments shall be in open view of
16 persons in the polling place outside the guard rail. The
17 number of marking shelves or compartments shall be not
18 less than one for every one hundred voters at such polling
19 place, and not less than three in any town or plantation
20 and not less than five in any ward of a city. Each marking
21 shelf or compartment shall at all times be provided with
22 proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballots.
23 No persons other than the election officers, election clerks
24 and voters admitted as hereinafter provided, shall be per-
25 mitted within said rail, except by authority of the presiding
26 officer or officers for the purpose of keeping order and
27 enforcing the law.'

MAJORITY REPORT.

STATE OF MAINE.

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of elections," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

Per order,

HASTINGS,
DAVIES,
BAXTER,
MONTGOMERY,
WING,
PETERS,
BURLEIGH.

MINORITY REPORT.

STATE OF MAINE.

Minority Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of elections," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought to pass.

Per order,

LOONEY,
HERSEY,
ANDREWS.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 25, 1909.

Majority report, ought not to pass, from Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of elections," minority report, same committee, on same bill, ought to pass, tabled for printing on motion by Mr. LOONEY of Cumberland pending acceptance of either report, and assigned for Thursday, March 4.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*