

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 315

House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Williamson of Augusta, who moved its reference to the Committee on Judiciary. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section twenty of Chapter six of the Revised Statutes relating to polling places.

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

Section 1. Section twenty of chapter six of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "each" in the fourth line thereof the words, 'and on appli-
4 cation of not less than twenty-five voters, all of whom re-
5 side not less than six miles by road from the usual polling
6 place, nor more than eight miles in an air line from each
7 other, may establish in a town of less than four thousand
8 inhabitants a separate polling district, which shall include
9 the territory in which said petitioners reside,' so that said
10 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. The municipal officers, sixty days before any
12 election, may divide towns of more than four thousand in-
13 habitants and wards of cities into convenient polling dis-
14 tricts, which shall contain not less than three hundred voters
15 in each, and on application of not less than twenty-five voters
16 all of whom reside not less than six miles by road from the
17 usual polling place, nor more than eight miles in an air line
18 from each other, may establish in a town of less than four
19 thousand inhabitants a separate polling district, which shall
20 include the territory in which said petitioners reside, defining
21 the limits thereof by a writing under their hands to be filed
22 with and recorded by the city or town clerks; and attested
23 copies thereof shall forthwith be posted by said clerks in not
24 less than six public and conspicuous places in said town or
25 ward, and the same shall be published in one or more of the
26 newspapers, if any, printed in said city or town, thirty days
27 at least before such election. They shall also ten days be-
28 fore any such election, appoint a warden and ward clerk for
29 each polling place other than the one in which the wardens
30 duly elected for such ward shall preside, who shall perform
31 the same duties at elections as presiding officers and clerks
32 of towns and wards now perform. Any vacancy occurring
33 after appointment may be filled by the voters of said polling
34 district as similar vacancies are now filled. All such offi-
35 cers shall be sworn. The board of registration of voters
36 for any city in which a ward has been so divided, and the
37 municipal officers of any town which has been so divided,

38 shall in the manner now provided for by law, prepare check
39 lists of the qualified voters for each of said polling districts,
40 in lieu of the check lists now provided by law for the entire
41 town or ward, to be used as hereinafter provided, and all
42 provisions of law applicable to check lists for towns and
43 wards shall apply to check lists for such polling district.'