

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 513

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*House of Representatives, Mar. 10, 1911.*

*Reported by Mr. Pattangall from Committee on Legal Affairs  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section twenty-seven (27) of Chapter six  
(6) of the Revised Statutes relating to Distinguishing Marks  
on Ballots.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-seven of chapter six of the Re-  
2 vised Statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the  
3 following: 'No marks, other than those authorized by law,  
4 shall be placed upon the ballot by the voter but no ballot,  
5 after having been received by the election officers, shall be  
6 rejected as defective because of marks, other than those au-  
7 thorized by law, having been placed upon it by the voter,  
8 unless such marks are deemed to have been made with  
9 fraudulent intent, and no ballot shall be rejected as defective  
10 because of any irregularity in the form of the cross in the

11 square at the head of the party column unless such irregu-  
12 larity is deemed to have been intentional and made with a  
13 fraudulent purpose,' so that said section shall read as fol-  
14 lows:

'Sect. 27. If a voter marks more names for any one office  
16 than there are persons to be elected to such office, or if for  
17 any reason it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for  
18 an office to be filled, his ballot shall not be counted for such  
19 office. No ballot without the official indorsement shall, ex-  
20 cept as herein otherwise provided, be allowed to be deposited  
21 in the ballot box, and none but ballots provided in accordance  
22 with the provisions of this chapter shall be counted. Bal-  
23 lots not counted shall be marked defective on the back there-  
24 of, and shall be preserved, as required by section twenty-five.  
25 No marks, other than those authorized by law, shall be placed  
26 upon the ballot by the voter but no ballot, after having been  
27 received by the election officers, shall be rejected as defective  
28 because of marks, other than those authorized by law, hav-  
29 ing been placed upon it by the voter, unless such marks are  
30 deemed to have been made with fraudulent intent, and no  
31 ballot shall be rejected as defective because of any irregular-  
32 ity in the form of the cross in the square at the head of the  
33 party column unless such irregularity is deemed to have been  
34 intentional and made with a fraudulent purpose.'