

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 144

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relative to the direct elections of delegates to Na-
tional Conventions, and to provide for the expression of pref-
erence for candidates for President and Vice President of
the United States.

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

Section 1. In any year in which candidates for presiden-
2 tial electors are to be elected, the election of delegates and
3 of alternate delegates to national conventions of political
4 parties shall be by direct plurality vote in primaries.

The number of district delegates and the number of dis-
6 trict alternate delegates, not less than one from each congres-
7 sional district, and the number of delegates and alternate
8 delegates at large, shall be fixed by the state committee. No-

9 tice of the number of delegates to be elected shall be given
10 by the state committee to the secretary of state on or before
11 the third Wednesday in March.

Sect. 2. Such primaries shall be held on the last Tues-
2 day in April.

In cities and towns where the question of holding primaries
4 by wards, precincts or groups of precincts is determined by
5 the aldermen or selectmen, notice of such determination shall
6 be given to the secretary of state by the aldermen or select-
7 men on or before the third Wednesday in March.

Sect. 3. In primaries at which delegates to national con-
2 ventions of political parties are elected, the secretary of state
3 shall cause to be placed upon the ballots of such political
4 party the names of candidates for the nomination by such
5 political party for the office of president of the United
6 States and of vice president of the United States, and each
7 voter may express his preference for such candidates in the
8 same manner as in voting for candidates for state offices to
9 be voted for by all the voters of the state.

The nomination of candidates for nomination for the of-
11 fice of president of the United States and of vice president
12 of the United States shall be made by nomination papers as
13 in the case of offices to be filled by all the voters of the State.

The votes cast for preference shall be returned and can-
15 vassed in the same manner as in the case of votes for state
16 offices to be filled by all the voters of the state, and the sec-
17 retary of state shall forthwith certify the result to the state

18 committees of the respective political parties.

Sec. 4. All existing provisions of law relating to primaries
2 not inconsistent with this act shall apply thereto so far as is
3 practicable.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.