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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 545

House of Representatives, March 18, 1913.

Reported by Mr. Sanborn from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend an Act to provide for nomination of candidates of political parties by primary election.

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

Section 1. Section five of the act entitled "An Act to
2 provide for nomination of candidates of political parties by
3 primary elections," is hereby amended by adding to said
4 section the following words: 'Provided that nothing herein
5 shall make it necessary for nomination papers for any can6 didate to be signed in the aggregate by qualified voters
7 greater in number than ten per cent of the last guberna8 torial vote cast by the party of such candidate within the
9 electoral division or district wherein such candidate is to

Io be voted for,' so that said section as amended shall read II as follows:

'Sect. 5. Nominations for places on the ballots to be used 13 at primary elections shall be made for each of the political 14 parties entitled as aforesaid to representation thereon by 15 nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candi-16 date of each political party by qualified voters within the 17 electoral division or district, wherein such candidate is to 18 be voted for, in number not less than one per cent nor more 19 than two per cent of the entire vote cast for governor in 20 the last preceding state election in the state at large, if the 21 office for which such candidate is to be voted for is to be 22 filled by the voters of the state at large or is for the office of 23 United States Senator, otherwise not less than one per cent 24 nor more than two per cent of such gubernatorial vote with-25 in the electoral division or district wherein such proposed 26 candidate is to be voted for. All such nomination papers shall 27 besides containing the names of the proposed candidates 28 specify as to each, first, the name of the office for which 29 he is proposed as a candidate; second, the political party 30 which he represents; third, his place of residence. There 31 shall not be in any nomination paper the name of more 32 than one candidate proposed for nomination. Nomination 33 papers shall be signed by members of the political party 34 named therein for which the nomination is made. Each 35 voter signing a nomination paper shall make his signature 36 in person and add to it each place of residence. Each voter

37 may subscribe his name to one nomination for a candidate 38 for each office to be filled, and no more, except in cases 30 where the office is to be filled by more than one person and 40 in such cases only to the extent of such number. One of 41 the signers to each such separate paper, or the person cir-42 culating the same, shall make oath thereon, or by certificate 43 of oath annexed thereto, that he believes the signatures are 44 genuine and that the persons signing are members of the 45 political party named therein and that they reside within 46 the electoral division or district for which the nomination 47 is proposed. The state at large shall be considered an elec-48 toral division within the meaning of this section; provided, 49 that nothing herein shall make it necessary for nomination 50 papers for any candidate to be signed in the aggregate by 51 qualified voters greater in number than ten per cent of the 52 last gubernatorial vote cast by the party of such candidate 53 within the electoral division or district wherein such can-54 didate is to be voted for.'