

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 258

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Morrison of Eden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and fifteen of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 relating to Municipal Elections in the Town of Eden.

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

Section seven of chapter 215 of the private and special laws of the year 1913 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "surnames" in the ninth line thereof the following words, to wit: 'All candidates for selectmen shall be listed alphabetically without any designation as first, second, etc. Previous to balloting for selectmen the voters may determine by majority whether to elect three, five or seven.

8 Without such determination three shall be elected. The
9 three (or if so determined five or seven) having the largest
10 number of votes shall be declared elected,' so that said sec-
11 tion as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. All ballots for use in such elections shall be pre-
13 pared by the town clerk. Every general ballot, or ballot
14 intended for the use of all voters, which shall be printed in
15 accordance with the provisions of this act, shall contain
16 the names of all candidates whose nominations for any
17 offices specified in the ballot have been duly made, and shall
18 contain no other names. The names of candidates for each
19 office shall be arranged under the designation of the office
20 in alphabetical order according to the surnames. All can-
21 didates for selectmen shall be listed alphabetically without
22 any designation as first, second, etc. Previous to balloting
23 for selectmen the voters may determine by majority whether
24 to elect three, five or seven. Without such determination
25 three shall be elected. The three (or if so determined five
26 or seven) having the largest number of votes shall be de-
27 clared elected. There shall be left at the end of the list of
28 candidates for each different office as many blank spaces
29 as there are persons to be elected to such office, in which
30 the voter may insert the name of any person not printed on
31 the ballot for whom he desires to vote as candidate to such
32 office. Whenever any question is submitted to the vote of
33 the people of the town, in accordance with a statute pro-
34 viding for such submission, such question shall be printed

35 upon the ballot after the list of candidates. The ballots
36 shall be so printed as to give to each voter a clear oppor-
37 tunity to designate, by a cross mark (X) in a square at
38 the right of the name and designation of each candidate,
39 his choice of candidates and his answer to the questions
40 submitted, and in the ballot may be printed such words
41 as will aid the voter to do this, as "vote for one," "vote for
42 three," "yes," "no," and the like. Before distribution the
43 ballots shall be so folded in marked creases as to measure
44 when folded not less than four and one-half nor more than
45 five inches in width and not less than six nor more than
46 thirteen and one-half inches in length. On the back and
47 outside, when folded, shall be printed "Official Ballot for
48 the Town of Eden," and the date of election, and the sig-
49 nature or fac-simile of the signature of the town clerk.'