

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 468

House of Representatives, Mar. 2, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Ten of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Furnishing of Ballots to Presiding Election Officers on Election Day.

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

Section ten of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting the word 'entire' before the words "second set" in the nineteenth line thereof, and by adding after the last word of said section, the following: 'and shall be transmitted in like manner to the secretary of state as provided in section forty-five of this chapter. If said sec-

7 ond set of ballots shall not be required for use as above, the
8 same shall be kept intact by said city, town or plantation
9 clerks for a period of three months from the day of election
10 for which said ballot were provided, during which time any
11 person who was a candidate on said ballot may inspect said
12 second set of ballots at the office of the city, town or plan-
13 tation clerk under the supervision of said clerk,' so that said
14 section as amended shall read as follows :

Sect. 10. The several city, town and plantation clerks, or
2 municipal officers, shall send to the presiding election offi-
3 cer or officers of such voting place before the opening of
4 the polls on the day of election one set of ballots so prepared,
5 sealed and marked for such voting place, and a receipt of
6 such delivery shall be returned to them from the presiding
7 election officer or officers present, while receipt, with a
8 record of the number of ballots sent, shall be kept in the
9 clerk's office for one year. At the opening of the polls in
10 each polling place the seals of the packages shall be pub-
11 licly broken, and the packages shall be opened by the pre-
12 siding election officer or officers, and the packages, books,
13 or blocks of ballots shall be delivered to the ballot clerks
14 hereinafter provided for. The cards of instructions shall
15 be immediately posted at or in each voting shelf or com-
16 partment provided in accordance with this chapter for the
17 marking of ballots, and not less than three such cards and
18 not less than five specimen ballots shall be immediately posted
19 in or about the polling rooms outside the guard rails. The

20 second set of ballots shall be retained by the respective city,
21 town and plantation clerks until they are called for or
22 needed for the purposes of voting, and upon the requisition
23 in writing of the presiding election officer or officers of any
24 voting place, the entire second set of ballots shall be fur-
25 nished to such voting place in the manner above provided
26 as to the first set, and shall be transmitted in like manner
27 to the secretary of state as provided in section forty-five
28 of this chapter. If said second set of ballots shall not be re-
29 quired for use as above, the same shall be kept intact by said
30 city, town or plantation clerks for a period of three months
31 from the day of election for which said ballots were pro-
32 vided, during which time any person who was a candidate
33 on said ballot may inspect said second set of ballots at the
34 office of the city, town or plantation clerk under the super-
35 vision of said clerk.