

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 260

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*In Senate, March 1, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and fifteen hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section sixteen of Chapter seven of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen, relating to manner of voting.

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

Section sixteen of Chapter seven of the Revised Statutes of 2 nineteen hundred sixteen is hereby amended, so that said 3 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 16. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forth- 2 with, and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to 3 one of the voting shelves or compartments so provided and

4 shall prepare his ballot by marking in the appropriate place,  
5 a cross (X) as follows: He may place such mark within  
6 the square above the name of the party group or ticket, in  
7 which case he shall be deemed to have voted for all the per-  
8 sons names in the group under such party or designation.  
9 And if the voter shall desire to vote for any person or per-  
10 sons, whose name or names are not printed as candidates in  
11 such party group or ticket, he may erase any name or names  
12 which are printed therein and place a cross (X) in the  
13 square at the right of the name of the candidate of his  
14 choice in any other party group or ticket. Or, as an optional  
15 method of voting, the voter may omit the cross (X) in the  
16 party square and place a cross (X) on the right of the name  
17 of each candidate he wishes to vote for. If the voter wishes  
18 to vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot he  
19 may write the name under the name of the candidate  
20 erased. Or if the voter does not desire to vote for a person  
21 or persons whose name or names are printed upon the party  
22 group or ticket, he may erase such name or names with the  
23 effect that the ballot shall not be counted for the candidate  
24 or candidates whose names are so erased. Stickers shall not  
25 be counted unless used to fill a vacancy or correct an error in  
26 the printed ballot. In case of a question submitted to the  
27 vote of the people he shall place such mark in the appro-  
28 priate margin above the answer which he desires to give.  
29 Before leaving the voting shelf or compartment, the voter  
30 shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon, in

31 the same way it was folded when received by him, and he  
32 shall keep the same so folded until he has voted. He shall  
33 vote in the manner provided by law before leaving the en-  
34 closed space and shall deposit his ballot in the box with the  
35 official endorsement uppermost. He shall mark and deposit  
36 his ballot without undue delay, and shall quit said enclosed  
37 space as soon as he has voted. No such voter shall be  
38 allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment occupied by  
39 another, or to remain within said enclosed space more than  
40 ten minutes, or to occupy a voting shelf or compartment for  
41 more than five minutes in case all of such shelves or com-  
42 partments are in use, and other voters are waiting to occupy  
43 the same. No voter not an election officer or an election clerk,  
44 whose name has been checked on the list of the ballot clerk,  
45 shall be allowed to re-enter said enclosed space during said  
46 election. The presiding election officer or officers, for the  
47 time being, shall secure the observance of the provisions of  
48 this section.'