

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 398

*In Senate, March 24, 1917.*

*Reported by Mr. Gillin from committee on judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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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 provide for the establishment of polling districts  
in towns.

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

Section 1. The municipal officers of any town may by  
2 written order to be filed with and recorded by the town  
3 clerk sixty days at least before the first election to which  
4 said order shall apply, divide the town into two or more  
5 polling districts. Such order shall define the limits of such  
6 polling districts and designate polling places for each. Im-  
7 mediately upon recording such order the town clerk shall  
8 post copies thereof in not less than two public and conspic-

9 uous places in each such district. Such order shall continue  
10 in force and apply to all except municipal elections until  
11 altered or repealed by a subsequent order to be recorded and  
12 posted in like manner. Municipal officers shall at least ten  
13 days before any election appoint a presiding officer, who  
14 may be one of their number, and a clerk, for each such dis-  
15 trict other than the one voting at the place where town  
16 meetings are held, in which district the election shall be con-  
17 ducted by the appropriate town officers as though no other  
18 districts existed; in other districts the district officers ap-  
19 pointed as above provided shall perform the duties other-  
20 wise devolving upon the corresponding town officers, and  
21 election returns made up by them shall immediately be de-  
22 livered to the town clerk together with all ballots in their  
23 possession. The municipal officers of any town which has  
24 been so divided shall in the manner provided for by law  
25 prepare check lists of the qualified voters for each of said  
26 polling districts in lieu of the check lists now provided by  
27 law, for the entire town, to be used as provided by law,  
28 and all provisions of law applicable to check lists and their  
29 use in towns shall apply to check lists for such polling dis-  
30 tricts.

Sect. 2. Section twelve of chapter seven of the Revised  
2 Statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect whenever by reason of  
2 any amendment to section sixteen of article nine of the con-  
3 stitution it shall become consistent therewith.