

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 5

House of Representatives, Jan. 14, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stacy C. Lanpher of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend sections eleven and thirteen of chapter six of the Revised Statutes relating to enrollment of voters for primary election.

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

Section eleven of chapter six of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "In plantations and towns of two thousand inhabitants or less the provisions as to enrolled voters and enrollment shall be omitted" in the latter part of said section so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 11. Not less than seven days before the third Monday of June preceding a biennial state election, the select-

3 men of every town, by their warrant, shall notify and warn
 4 all legally qualified voters to attend at the regular voting
 5 places on the third Monday in June for the purpose of vot-
 6 ing for persons to be nominated by their respective political
 7 parties as candidates to be voted for on the second Monday
 8 in September then next ensuing. Said warrant shall be in
 9 substance as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT.

2 State of Maine:

3 County ofss.

4 To the legal voters of the town of

You are hereby notified that the primary election in this
 2 town, of all political parties, entitled by law to nominate
 3 candidates for the next election, will be held at
 4 on Monday, June next, for the purpose of nom-
 5 inating candidates for the following offices to be voted for
 6 at the election to be held on the second Monday in Septem-
 7 ber next, viz:

(Here follow the officers to be nominated.)

The polls will be open at twelve o'clock, noon, and continue
 2 open until nine o'clock in the afternoon, when they will
 3 close.

Voters not enrolled as members of a political party en-
 2 titled to nominate candidates will not be permitted to vote.
 3 But voters entitled to enrolment may cause themselves to be
 4 enrolled at the polling places during the primary election on
 5 taking and subscribing the oath required by law.

Enrolment blanks will be furnished by the town clerk on
2 application.

Dated at, this day of June, 19 .
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Selectmen of

Such warrants shall be posted in the manner required by
2 law for warrants for the state election. Like warrants shall
3 be issued by the mayor and aldermen of cities and the asses-
4 sors of plantations, with appropriate changes and posted in
5 like manner. In all such warrants appropriate provisions
6 shall be inserted calling the attention of voters to opportuni-
7 ties for correction of lists of voters by selectmen, municipal
8 officers or boards of registration in the manner required by
9 law.'

Section thirteen of said chapter six is hereby amended
2 by striking out the word "in" and the words "of two
3 thousand inhabitants or more" in the fourth line of said
4 section, and by striking out the words "in plantations and
5 towns having less than two thousand inhabitants, enrolment
6 shall not be necessary and any voter, legally qualified to vote
7 therein, shall upon giving his name, and party affiliation, be
8 given a ballot of his party, his name checked upon the vot-
9 ing list and he shall be admitted to the voting booth and
10 vote," in lines twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twen-
11 ty-nine and thirty, so that said section as amended shall read
12 as follows:

‘Sect. 13. No person shall vote at any primary election
2 unless a legally qualified voter at such voting place, as re-
3 quired by the preceeding section, and, in all cities and
4 towns, enrolled as qualified to vote in the caucuses of his
5 political party in the manner provided by the general or spe-
6 cial laws applicable to said cities, or any of them, or to said
7 towns. The selectmen of towns and the wardens of wards
8 in cities shall be seasonably furnished by the town or city
9 clerk, or other official charged with the duty of preserving
10 the same, with duly certified copies of all enrolment lists,
11 arranging each political party separately and its names of
12 voters therein alphabetically. If not therein enrolled, any
13 voter qualified by law and this chapter as a legal voter at
14 such voting place, may be enrolled after subscribing and
15 making oath before a ballot clerk to the statement as re-
16 quired by section thirty-nine of this chapter, and the du-
17 ties imposed upon the secretary of a caucus by said section
18 shall be performed by such ballot clerk. A suitable num-
19 ber of such statements shall be furnished at each voting
20 place by the city or town; if the number be insufficient, or
21 none be furnished, the statement aforesaid may be sworn to
22 as aforesaid and return thereof made in like manner as if
23 the same had been subscribed. At the polling places in the
24 cities and towns aforesaid each person applying to vote shall
25 give his name, residence, party affiliation, and place of last
26 enrolment, if any; if already enrolled in the precinct he shall
27 be given a ballot of his party, his name shall be checked on

28 the enrolment list, and he shall be admitted to the voting
29 booth and vote. If not enrolled and then enrolled as here-
30 inbefore provided, he shall be given a ballot of his party,
31 checked and may vote as aforesaid. No ballot shall be re-
32 ceived containing any distinguishing mark or figures thereon
33 other than as herein expressly permitted.'