

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 228

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1919.

On motion of Mr. Holley of North Anson House voted to reconsider its vote of Feb. 20th and on further motion of same gentleman was referred to Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holley of North Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Eight of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes Relating to Ballots in Primary Elections and Providing that the Order of the Names of Candidates on Said Ballots Be Determined by Lot.

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

Section 8 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes is hereby
2 amended by striking out in the fourteenth line of said sec-
3 tion 8 after the word "office," the words "in alphabetical
4 order according to surname," and inserting in place thereof
5 the words "and their order shall be determined by lot by

6 the secretary of state, who shall give notice to the candi-
7 dates to attend at the office of the secretary of state at a
8 time to be appointed by said secretary, who shall then and
9 there proceed publicly to decide by lot the order of the
10 names upon the ballot,' so that said section 8 as amended
11 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. Every ballot which shall be printed in accord-
2 ance with the provisions of this chapter shall contain the
3 names and residences of all candidates whose nominations
4 have been duly proposed hereunder for any office specified
5 in the ballot, and not withdrawn in accordance herewith,
6 and the office for which they have been severally proposed
7 through the nomination papers filed as aforesaid, and shall
8 contain no other names. The order of offices shall be the
9 same as in the regular September election, except that when
10 nominations for United States senators are to be made,
11 said office of United States senator shall be first on said
12 ballots. The name of each person for whom as a candidate
13 for nomination a valid nomination has been filed shall be
14 printed on the ballot in but one place. The names of the
15 candidates for nomination to each office shall be arranged
16 under the designation of the office and their order shall
17 be determined by lot by the secretary of state, who shall
18 give notice to the candidates to attend at the office of the
19 secretary of state at a time to be appointed by said secre-
20 tary, who shall then and there proceed publicly to decide
21 by lot the order of the names upon the ballot. There shall

22 be left at the end of each list of candidates for nomination
23 to each office a blank space or spaces in which the voter
24 may write or paste the name or names of any person or
25 persons not printed on the ballot for whom he desires to
26 vote as a nominee or nominees for such office, the number
27 of blank spaces so left to be equal to the number of nomi-
28 nees to be selected for such office. The ballot shall be
29 printed so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to desig-
30 nate his choice for candidates for nomination by making a
31 cross (X) to the right of the name of each candidate he
32 wishes to vote for as a nominee to each office; and on the
33 ballot shall be printed such words as will aid the voters
34 to do this, "Vote for one," "Vote for two," and the like.
35 At the top of the ballot there shall be printed in capital
36 letters, "Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of
37 the name of the person you wish to vote for. Follow di-
38 rections as to the number of candidates to be marked for
39 each office. Add names by writing or pasting stickers in
40 blank spaces and mark cross (X) to right of such names.
41 Do not erase names." The ballots shall be printed on tint-
42 ed paper, of a separate tint for each political party, white
43 for the party casting the highest vote for governor at the
44 last preceding state election, yellow for the second high-
45 est, blue for the third highest, green for the fourth highest,
46 other colors for others if any, and brown for specimen or
47 sample ballots. They shall be of uniform size for all po-
48 litical parties and folded before distribution in marked

49 creases so as to be of uniform length and width and con-
50 ceal the interior contents. On the back shall be printed so
51 as to be visible when folded, "Official Nominating Ballot,"
52 followed by the designation of the polling place for which
53 the ballot is prepared, the date of the primary election and
54 a fac-simile of the signature of the secretary of state.'