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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 501

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and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Six of the
Revised Statutes Relating to Penalty for Violation of Pro-
visions in Regard to Conduct of Primary Elections.

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

Section thirteen of chapter six of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the
3 following sentence: 'Every city, town or plantation clerk,
4 ward or election officer, or person voting, who shall wil-
5 fully violate any of the provisions of this section shall be
6 punished for each offence by a fine not exceeding five hun-
7 dred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not ex-

8 ceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

9 So that said section as amended shall read as follows :

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

26 vote shall give his name, residence, party affiliation, and
27 place of last enrolment, if any; if already enrolled in the
28 precinct he shall be given a ballot of his party, his name
29 shall be checked on the enrolment list, and he shall be
30 admitted to the voting booth and vote. If not enrolled
31 and then enrolled as hereinbefore provided, he shall be
32 given a ballot of his party, checked and may vote as afore-
33 said. In plantations and towns having less than two thou-
34 sand inhabitants, enrolment shall not be necessary and any
35 voter, legally qualified to vote therein, shall upon giving
36 his name and party affiliation, be given a ballot of his
37 party, his name checked upon the voting list and he shall
38 be admitted to the voting booth and vote. No ballot shall
39 be received containing any distinguishing mark or figures
40 thereon other than as herein expressly permitted. Every
41 city, town or plantation clerk, ward or election officer, or
42 person voting, who shall wilfully violate any of the pro-
43 visions of this section shall be punished for each offence
44 by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprison-
45 ment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by
46 both such fine and imprisonment.