

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 173

House of Representatives, February 23, 1921.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT Requiring Political Advertisements to Be Signed.

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

Whoever writes, prints, posts or distributes, or causes to
2 be written, printed, posted or distributed, a circular, poster
3 or advertisement which is designed to promote the nomina-
4 tion or election of a candidate for public office or to injure
5 or defeat the nomination or election of any candidate for
6 public office, or to influence the voters on any constitutional
7 amendment or any other question submitted to the voters,
8 or to influence the vote of any member of the legislature,
9 unless there appears upon such circular or poster or adver-
10 tisement, in a conspicuous place, either the name of the

11 chairman or secretary or of two officers of the organization
12 issuing the same, or of the person who is responsible there-
13 for, with his name and address, shall be guilty of a misde-
14 meanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not ex-
15 ceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for a period not
16 to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Provided, that nothing in this act shall apply to the edi-
2 torial or news articles of any magazine or newspaper where
3 the same is not a political advertisement, nor to cards, post-
4 ers, lithographs, or circulars, issued by a candidate adver-
5 tising his own candidacy.