

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 352

House of Representatives, March 18, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Viles of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Eight of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes Relating to Ballots in Primary Elections and Providing for 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 eight of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out after the word "office" in the fourteenth line of said section the words "in alphabetical order, according to surnames," and inserting in place thereof the words "and their order upon the ballot shall be determined publicly by lot by the secretary of state at his office at ten o'clock on the morning of the second day following

8 the final day on which nomination petitions are required to
9 have been filed, at which time and place the candidates may
10 attend,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
11 lows:

'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5 in the ballot, and not withdrawn in accordance herewith,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 office shall be the
9 same as in the regular September election, except that when
10 nominations for United States senators are to be made, said
11 office of United States senator shall be first on said ballots.
12 The name of each person for whom as a candidate for nom-
13 ination a valid nomination has been filed shall be printed
14 on the ballot in but one place. The names of the candidates
15 for nomination to each office shall be arranged under the
16 designation of the office and their order upon the ballot
17 shall be determined publicly by lot by the secretary of state
18 at his office at ten o'clock on the morning of the second
19 day following the final day on which nomination petitions
20 are required to have been filed, at which time and place
21 the candidates may attend. There shall be left at the end
22 of each list of candidates for nomination to each office a
23 blank space or spaces, in which the voter may write or paste
24 the name or names of any person or persons not printed

25 on the ballot for whom he desires to vote as a nominee or
26 nominees for such office, the number of blank spaces so
27 left to be equal to the number of nominees to be selected
28 for such office. The ballot shall be printed so as to give
29 each voter a clear opportunity to designate his choice for
30 candidates for nomination by making a cross (X) to the
31 right of the name of each candidate he wishes to vote for
32 as a nominee to each office; and on the ballot shall be printed
33 such words as will aid the voters to do this, "Vote for one,"
34 "Vote for two," and the like. At the top of the ballot there
35 shall be printed in capital letters, "Make a cross (X) in
36 the square to the right of the name of the person you wish
37 to vote for. Follow directions as to the number of candi-
38 dates to be marked for each office. Add names by writing
39 or pasting stickers in blank spaces and mark cross (X) to
40 right of such names. Do not erase names." The ballots
41 shall be printed on tinted paper, of a separate tint for each
42 political party, white for the party casting the highest vote
43 for governor at the last preceding state election, yellow for
44 the second highest, blue for the third highest, green for
45 the fourth highest, other colors for others if any, and brown
46 for specimen or sample ballots. They shall be of uniform
47 size for all political parties and folded before distribution
48 in marked creases so as to be of uniform length and width
49 and conceal the interior contents. On the back shall be
50 printed so as to be visible when folded, "Official Nomina-
51 tion Ballot," followed by the designation of the polling place

52 for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the primary
53 election and a fac-simile of the signature of the secretary of
54 state.'