

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 379

House of Representatives, March 24, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Willard from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Authorize the Division of Towns Having Less
than Four Thousand Inhabitants into Convenient Polling
Places.

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

Section twelve of chapter seven of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and sub-
3 stituting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 12. The municipal officers, sixty days before any
2 election, may divide towns of more than four thousand in-
3 habitants and wards of cities into convenient polling dis-
4 tricts, which shall contain not less than three hundred vot-
5 ers in each, and on application of not less than twenty-five
6 voters may establish in a town of less than four thousand

7 inhabitants separate polling districts, not exceeding three;
8 defining the limits thereof and designating the polling place
9 for each district by writing under their hands to be filed
10 with and recorded by the city or town clerks; and attested
11 copies thereof shall forthwith be posted by said clerks in
12 not less than six public and conspicuous places in said town
13 or ward, and the same shall be published in one or more
14 of the newspapers, if any, printed in said city or town, thir-
15 ty days at least before such election. They shall also ten
16 days before any such election, appoint a warden or pre-
17 siding officer and clerk, in addition to the regular ballot
18 clerks for each polling place other than the one in which
19 the wardens duly elected for such ward shall preside, who
20 shall perform the same duties at elections as presiding offi-
21 cers and clerks of towns and wards now perform. Any
22 vacancy occurring after appointment may be filled by the
23 voters of said polling district as similar vacancies are now
24 filled. All such officers shall be sworn. The board of reg-
25 istration of voters for any city in which a ward has been
26 so divided, and the municipal officers of any town which
27 has been so divided, shall in the manner now provided for
28 by law, prepare check lists of the qualified voters for each
29 of said polling districts, in lieu of the check lists now pro-
30 vided by law for the entire town or ward, to be used as
31 hereinafter provided, and all provisions of law applicable
32 to check lists for towns and wards shall apply to check lists
33 for such polling district.'