

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 211**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jewett of Vassalborough.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Twelve of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to Division of Towns and Wards of Cities into Convenient Polling Places.

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

Section twelve of chapter seven of the revised statutes as  
2 amended by chapter two hundred and seven of the public  
3 laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amend-  
4 ed by inserting after the word "districts" in the third line  
5 thereof the following, 'and shall, upon the petition of one-  
6 third of the registered voters of any town, divide said town

7 into polling districts as aforesaid,' so that said section as  
8 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 12. The municipal officers, sixty days before any  
2 election, may, after public notice and hearing, divide  
3 towns and wards of cities into not more than three con-  
4 venient polling districts, and shall, upon the petition of  
5 one-third of the registered voters of any town, divide said  
6 town into polling districts as aforesaid. By writing under  
7 their hands to be filed with and recorded by the city or  
8 town clerk, they shall define the limits and designate the  
9 polling places of each district, and attested copies thereof  
10 shall forthwith be posted by said clerks in not less than  
11 six public and conspicuous places in said town or ward,  
12 and the same shall be published in one or more of the  
13 newspapers, if any, printed in said city or town, thirty days  
14 at least before such election. They shall also ten days  
15 before any such election, appoint a warden or presiding  
16 officer and clerk, in addition to the regular ballot clerks  
17 for each polling place other than the one in which the  
18 wardens duly elected for such ward shall preside, who  
19 shall perform the same duties at elections as presiding  
20 officers and clerks of towns and wards now perform. Any  
21 vacancy occurring after appointment may be filled by the  
22 voters of said polling district as similar vacancies are now  
23 filled. All such officers shall be sworn and make all re-  
24 turns of all elections directly to town or city clerk. The  
25 board of registration of voters for any city in which a

26 ward has been so divided, and the municipal officers of any  
27 town which has been so divided; shall in the manner now  
28 provided for by law, prepare check lists of the qualified  
29 voters for each of said polling districts, in lieu of the  
30 check lists now provided by law for the entire town or  
31 ward, to be used as hereinafter provided, and all provisions  
32 of law applicable to check lists for towns and wards shall  
33 apply to check lists for such polling district.'