

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 200

In Senate, March 6, 1923.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Speirs of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Additional to Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes,
Relating to Primary Elections.

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

Chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following sections:

'Sect. 54. The conventions called by the voters of the
2 various divisions of the state may place on the primary
3 ballot a candidate for United States senator, governor, rep-
4 resentative to congress and state auditor, all county candi-
5 dates, senators and representatives to the legislature.

'Sect. 55. The candidates chosen at the convention and
2 the candidates chosen for representatives at town or city

3 caucuses shall go on to the regular official ballot to be used
4 in primary elections without any further action on the part
5 of the candidates or the convention or caucus he is nomi-
6 nated by.

‘Sect. 56. In all state or county conventions the regular
2 lawful chosen delegate votes. If he is absent, then the
3 alternate chosen at the caucus shall vote. If both are ab-
4 sent no one shall vote in his or her place by proxy.

‘Sect. 57. The voting in all state and county conventions
2 shall be by the Australian system as now used in the pres-
3 ent primary elections. The polls shall be open from twelve
4 noon to four o'clock in the afternoon. The enclosure and
5 booths shall be the same as now used. There shall not be
6 less than four booths in the state convention, one for each
7 district plainly marked so the voters of each district will
8 readily know the booth they are to vote in.

‘Sect. 58. The state convention and county convention
2 and town caucuses shall be held at least ten days previous
3 to the date of filing nominations for the regular state pri-
4 maries.

‘Sect. 59. In all caucuses choosing convention delegates
2 the check list shall be used and only those who have regis-
3 tered their party choice two days previous to the day of
4 the caucus shall be allowed to vote.

‘Sect. 60. This act shall not become effective unless adopt-
2 ed by a majority vote of the people voting at the next reg-
3 ular state election.’