

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 292

H. D. No. 57

House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clarke of Randolph.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide that a Voter Changing His Residence
from One Ward or Precinct to Another May Vote in the
Ward or Precinct of His New Residence.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter five of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "pre-
3 ceding" in the seventh line thereof the following words:
4 'unless he shall have given notice of a change of residence
5 under the provisions of section twenty of this chapter, in
6 which case he shall vote only in the ward and voting pre-
7 cinct thereof, if any, of his new residence,' so that said
8 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Every person whose name has not been entered
2 upon the voting lists in any city in accordance with the
3 provisions hereof, must, if he desires to vote, appear in
4 person at a place provided for registration and prove that
5 he possesses all the qualifications of a voter. Every person
6 qualified to vote, as hereinbefore provided, shall vote only
7 in the ward of the city, and voting precinct thereof, if any,
8 in which he had his residence on the first day of April
9 preceding, unless he shall have given notice of a change
10 of residence under the provisions of section twenty of this
11 chapter, in which case he shall vote only in the ward and
12 voting precinct thereof, if any, of his new residence.'

Sect. 2. Section 20 of chapter five of the revised stat-
2 utes, as amended by chapter two hundred and thirty-seven
3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is
4 hereby further amended as follows: by striking out in the
5 twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth lines thereof
6 the following words: "but shall not entitle him to have his
7 registration otherwise changed nor to vote in ward or pre-
8 cinct other than that in which he resided on said first day
9 of April," so that said section as amended shall read as
10 follows:

'Sect. 20. When the right of any person to have his name
2 placed upon such list is challenged by any qualified elector,
3 or when the right of any person to have his name remain
4 upon such list is so challenged, before said board shall add
5 to or strike from said list the name of any such person,

6 they shall issue a notice and summons to said person so
7 challenged and allow him a reasonable opportunity to be
8 heard. Such notice and summons shall be served upon
9 such person by an officer selected by the board, by giving
10 him in hand or by leaving at his last and usual place of
11 abode, an attested copy of said notice and summons, at
12 least six hours before the closing of the final session of
13 the board devoted to the revision and correction of the
14 voting lists. Said person and said board may also sum-
15 mon and examine other witnesses before said board con-
16 cerning his right to vote, and if it appears to said board
17 that such person is not or will not be qualified to vote at
18 such election, they shall cause his name to be erased from
19 said list and not add it thereto. And the list of voters in
20 cities made under this chapter shall state the street, and so
21 far as practicable, the number of the street where each
22 voter resides. The residence of a voter as stated upon the
23 list of voters used at the last preceding election, shall be
24 deemed his last and usual place of abode, unless he shall
25 have given notice in writing, over his own signature, or in
26 person to the city clerk of a change of his residence, which
27 notice, if given after the first day of April, shall entitle
28 him to have his residence so corrected on the voting list
29 to be used at the next subsequent election. Said clerk shall
30 keep a record of all notices of change of residence, which
31 record shall at all times be open to public inspection.'