

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 614

H. D. No. 130

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Winn of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Ballots.

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

Chapter seventy of the public laws of nineteen hundred
2 twenty-one is hereby amended in section seven thereof, by
3 adding after the word "office" in the nineteenth line thereof,
4 the following: 'or such voter may affix to said ballot a
5 sticker bearing the name of such person not so printed on
6 the ballot,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as
7 follows:

'Sect. 7. All ballots for use in such elections shall be
2 prepared by the town clerk. Every general ballot, or ballot
3 intended for the use of all voters, which shall be printed in

4 accordance with the provisions of this act, shall contain the
5 names of all candidates whose nominations for any offices
6 specified in the ballot have been duly made, and shall con-
7 tain no other names. The names of candidates for each
8 office shall be arranged under the designation of the office
9 in alphabetical order according to surnames, but candidates
10 for selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor respec-
11 tively, shall be named, and designated in the ballot, in as
12 many groups as the town shall by vote have determined
13 there are to be individuals on any such board. Previous to
14 balloting the voters may determine by majority whether to
15 elect three, five or seven, selectmen, assessors or overseers
16 of the poor respectively. Without such determination three
17 shall be elected. The three (or if so determined five or
18 seven) having the largest number of votes shall be declared
19 elected. There shall be left at the end of the list of candi-
20 dates for each different office as many blank spaces as there
21 are persons to be elected to such office, in which the voter
22 may insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot
23 for whom he desires to vote as candidate to such office, or
24 such voter may affix to said ballot a sticker bearing the
25 name of such person not so printed on the ballot. When-
26 ever any question is submitted to the vote of the people of
27 the town, in accordance with a statute providing for such
28 submission, such question shall be printed upon the ballot
29 after the list of candidates. The ballots shall be so printed
30 as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a

31 cross mark (X) in a square at the right of the name and
32 designation of each candidate, his choice of candidates and
33 his answer to the question submitted, and in the ballot may
34 be printed such words as will aid the voter to do this, as
35 "vote for one," "vote for three," "yes," "no," and the like.
36 Before distribution the ballots shall be so folded in marked
37 creases as to measure when folded not less than four and
38 one-half nor more than five inches in width and not less
39 than six nor more than thirteen and one-half inches in
40 length. On the back and outside, when folded, shall be
41 printed "Official Ballot for the Town of—————,"
42 and the date of election, and the signature or facsimile of
43 the signature of the town clerk.'