

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 711**

**H. D. No. 155**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Bangor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes  
Entitled "Elections."

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter seven of the revised  
2 statutes is hereby amended, so that said section as amended  
3 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. There shall be provided for each voting place,  
2 at which an election is to be held, one set of such general  
3 ballots and one set of ballots containing any constitutional  
4 amendment or other question submitted to the vote of the  
5 people, and the number of ballots in such a set to be not  
6 less than one for each qualified voter in such voting place,

7 the number to be based upon the voting list used on the  
8 day of the election next preceding; and such additional  
9 number of ballots as may be deemed requisite by the sec-  
10 retary of state or the city clerks, to provide for additions  
11 to such voting lists by registration on or before the day of  
12 an election.'

Sect. 2. Section eight of chapter seven of the revised  
2 statutes is hereby amended so that said section as amended  
3 shall read as follows :

'Sect. 8. The secretary of state shall send the set of  
2 general ballots, together with the specimen ballots, and  
3 cards of instruction printed by him, as herein provided,  
4 to the several city, town and plantation clerks, so as to be  
5 received by them not less than six secular days previous  
6 to the day of election. The same shall be sent in a sealed  
7 package, with marks on the outside clearly designating the  
8 polling place for which it is intended, and the number of  
9 ballots enclosed; and the respective city, town and plan-  
10 tation clerks shall, on delivery to them of such package,  
11 return a receipt therefor to the secretary of state. The  
12 secretary shall keep a record of the time when, and the  
13 manner in which the package is sent, and shall preserve  
14 for one year the receipts of the several city, town and  
15 plantation clerks. Special ballots for submitting questions  
16 to the people shall be prepared and forwarded in a separate  
17 sealed package, in like manner and at the same time and  
18 with the same procedure.'

Sect. 3. Section nine of said chapter seven is hereby  
2 amended so that said section as amended shall read as  
3 follows:

‘Sect. 9. The set of ballots together with the specimen  
2 ballots and cards of instruction printed by city clerks, as  
3 herein provided, shall be packed by them in a sealed pack-  
4 age, with marks on the outside clearly designating the poll-  
5 ing place for which it is intended, and the number of ballots  
6 enclosed.’

Sect. 4. Section ten of said chapter seven is hereby amend-  
2 ed so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 10. The several city, town and plantation clerks,  
2 or municipal officers, shall send to the presiding election  
3 officer or officers of such voting place before the opening  
4 of the polls on the day of election the set of ballots so  
5 prepared, sealed and marked for such voting place, and a  
6 receipt for such delivery shall be returned to them from  
7 the presiding election officer or officers present, which re-  
8 ceipt, with a record of the number of ballots sent, shall be  
9 kept in the clerk’s office for one year. At the opening of  
10 the polls in each polling place the seals of the package shall  
11 be publicly broken, and the package shall be opened by the  
12 presiding election officer or officers, and the packages, books  
13 or blocks of ballots shall be delivered to the ballot clerks  
14 hereinafter provided for. The cards of instruction shall  
15 be immediately posted at or in each voting shelf or com-  
16 partment provided in accordance with this chapter for the

17 marking of ballots, and not less than three such cards and  
18 not less than five specimen ballots shall be immediately  
19 posted in or about the polling rooms outside of the guard  
20 rails.”

Sect. 5. Chapter one hundred and eight of the public laws  
2 of nineteen hundred and seventeen entitled “An Act to  
3 amend section ten of chapter seven of the revised statutes,  
4 relating to disposition of unused ballots on election day,”  
5 is hereby repealed and all acts or parts thereof inconsistent  
6 with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.