

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1057

H. D. No. 286

House of Representatives, March 6, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to Assistance in Marking Ballot.

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

Section nineteen of chapter two hundred sixty-eight of
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty is hereby amend-
3 ed by adding after the word "ballot" in the fifth line there-
4 of, the words 'or that he prefers assistance,' so that said
5 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 19. Any voter who shall declare to the presiding
2 election officer or officers that he cannot mark his ballot
3 by reason of physical disability, or from inability to read
4 the same, or who shall declare to the election officers that
5 his religious faith prevents him from marking his ballot,
6 or that he prefers assistance, shall receive the assistance in

7 the marking of his ballot, of two of the election clerks;
8 such clerks shall not both represent one and the same politi-
9 cal party, and they shall certify on the outside of such
10 ballot that the same was marked by them, or by the voter
11 with their assistance, and thereafter shall give no infor-
12 mation concerning the same. The presiding election officer
13 or officers may require every voter, who applies for such
14 assistance, to make oath to his inability to mark his ballot,
15 before such clerks shall be directed to assist as aforesaid,
16 and such officer or officers are hereby qualified to admin-
17 ister such oath, and no clerk shall assist or offer to assist
18 any voter in marking his ballot until directed so to do by
19 the presiding election officer or officers.'