

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 114

S. D. No. 48

In Senate, Feb. 5, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cram of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-one of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, Relating to Elections and Permitting the Use of Ballot Boxes with Devices for Registering and Endorsing Ballots Deposited Therein.

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

Section thirty-one of chapter seven of the revised statutes 2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the 3 following:

‘Provided, however, that with the approval of the secre- 2 tary of state, cities and towns may at their own expense 3 provide ballot boxes with sufficient locks and seal fasten-

4 ings, which shall contain mechanical devices for receiving,
5 registering and endorsing every legal ballot deposited there-
6 in, but no such ballot box shall record any distinguishing
7 number or mark upon a ballot. Said ballot boxes shall be
8 known as state ballot boxes, and shall be large enough to
9 properly receive and hold all ballots which may lawfully be
10 deposited therein at any election. Said ballot boxes may be
11 used at all state, municipal or other elections.'

So that said section thirty-one as amended shall read as
2 follows:

'Sect. 31. Ballot boxes used for the reception of official
2 ballots shall be of uniform design; they shall be provided
3 for each polling place by the secretary of state at the expense
4 of the state, and shall be known as state ballot boxes; each
5 box shall be equipped with a suitable lock and key; in the
6 top of each box there shall be an opening through which
7 each ballot shall be put into the box; such opening shall be
8 large enough and not larger than may be necessary to allow
9 a single folded ballot to be easily passed through such open-
10 ing into the box, and shall be covered with a slide which
11 shall be kept shut except when opened to receive a ballot.
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