

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 9

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Church of Hallowell.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Voting Compartments.

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

Section fourteen of chapter seven of the revised statutes  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 14. Voting compartments shall be provided for use  
2 of voters while marking their ballots. The municipal offi-  
3 cers in each city, town or plantation, as aforesaid, shall  
4 cause the polling places therein to be suitably provided with  
5 a sufficient number of voting compartments with shelves.

6 in which voters may conveniently mark their ballots so that  
7 the act of marking thereof shall be screened from the ob-  
8 servation of others, and each voting compartment shall have  
9 a swing door or heavy drop curtain so arranged that the  
10 top thereof shall be not less than six feet from the floor  
11 and the bottom thereof shall be lower than the shelf of the  
12 compartment and not less than two feet and six inches from  
13 the floor and such door or curtain shall be closed while the  
14 voter is within the compartment and no one shall be allowed  
15 therein with him, unless he calls for assistance in the mark-  
16 ing of his ballot and such assistance shall be so furnished  
17 according to the provisions of this chapter, and a guard  
18 rail shall be so constructed and placed that only such per-  
19 sons as are inside said rail can approach within four feet  
20 of the ballot boxes and of such voting compartments. The  
21 arrangement shall be such that the ballot boxes shall not  
22 be hidden from the view of persons present and the voting  
23 compartments shall be so arranged as to admit to full view  
24 of the persons just outside of the guard rail those who enter  
25 and leave each compartment. The number of such voting  
26 compartments shall not be less than one for every one hun-  
27 dred voters qualified to vote at such polling place, and not  
28 less than three in any town.

'No persons other than the election officers, election clerks  
2 and voters admitted as hereinafter provided, shall be per-  
3 mitted within said rail, except by authority of the presiding  
4 election officer or officers for the purpose of keeping order

5 and enforcing the law. Each voting shelf and compartment  
6 shall be kept provided with proper supplies and conveniences  
7 for marking the ballots.'