

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House Document

No. 44

H. P. 132                      House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle.

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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 to Amend Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Opening and Closing of the Polls at Primary Elections.

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

Chapter six of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 2 sixty-two of nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby further 3 amended by striking out lines twenty and twenty-one thereof 4 and inserting in place thereof the following: 'The polls will 5 be opened at                      o'clock in the forenoon and con- 6 tinue open until seven o'clock in the afternoon, when they 7 will close,' and by striking out in the thirty-seventh and 8 thirty-eighth lines thereof the words "The meetings shall be 9 opened and closed as stated in the form of the warrant fore-

10 going,” and inserting in place thereof the following: ‘The  
 11 meetings may be opened at six o’clock in the forenoon and  
 12 shall be opened not later than ten o’clock in the forenoon.  
 13 The polls shall be kept open until seven o’clock in the after-  
 14 noon and shall then be closed. Notice of the time of opening  
 15 and closing shall be given in the warrant calling the meet-  
 16 ing,’ so that said chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Not less than seven days before the third Monday of June  
 2 preceding a biennial state election, the selectmen of every  
 3 town, by their warrant, shall notify and warn all legally  
 4 qualified and enrolled voters to attend at the regular voting  
 5 places on the third Monday in June for the purpose of voting  
 6 for persons to be nominated by their respective political  
 7 parties as candidates to be voted for on the second Monday  
 8 in September the next ensuing. Said warrant shall be in  
 9 substance as follows:

‘PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT

‘State of Maine, ss.

‘County of

‘To the qualified and legally enrolled voters of the town of

‘You are hereby notified that the primary election in this  
 2 town, of all political parties, entitled by law to nominate  
 3 candidates for the next election, will be held at.....  
 4 on Monday, June.....next, for the purpose of  
 5 nominating candidates for the following offices to be voted  
 6 for at the election to be held on the second Monday in  
 7 September next, viz:

‘(Here follow the officers to be nominated.)

‘Voters not enrolled as members of a political party entitled  
2 to nominate candidates will not be permitted to vote. Voters  
3 entitled to enrollment may cause themselves to be enrolled  
4 at the polling places during the primary election on taking  
5 and subscribing the oath required by law, but said voters  
6 shall not be allowed to vote at any primary election within  
7 the next six months following said enrollment unless a new  
8 voter, or a voter enrolling for the first time in that mu-  
9 nicipality.

‘Dated at.....this.....day of June, 19 .

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‘Selectmen of.....

‘Such warrants shall be posted in the manner required by  
2 law for warrants for the state election. Like warrants shall  
3 be issued by the mayor and aldermen of cities and assessors  
4 of plantations with appropriate changes and posted in like  
5 manner. The meetings may be opened at 6 o’clock in the  
6 forenoon and shall be opened not later than ten o’clock in  
7 the forenoon. The polls shall be kept open until seven  
8 o’clock in the afternoon and shall then be closed. Notice  
9 of the time of opening and closing shall be given in the  
10 warrant calling the meeting. In all such warrants appro-  
11 priate provisions shall be inserted calling the attention of  
12 voters to opportunities for correction of lists of voters by

13 selectmen, municipal officers or board of registration in the  
14 manner required by law.'