

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 137

H. P. 528

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Butler of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Prohibit the Nomination of an Individual of More
Than One Political Party.

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

Section five of chapter six of the revised statutes is here-
2 by amended by inserting after the close of the first sen-
3 tence in said section a new sentence as follows: 'No per-
4 son shall be nominated as the candidate of more than one
5 political party,' so that the same shall read:

'Sect. 5. Nominations for places on the ballots to be used
2 at primary elections shall be made for each of the political
3 parties entitled as aforesaid to representation thereon by
4 nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each can-
5 didate of each political party by qualified voters within the

6 electoral division or district, wherein such candidate is to
7 be voted for, in number not less than one per cent nor more
8 than two per cent of the entire vote cast for governor in
9 the last preceding state election in the state at large, if the
10 office for which such candidate is to be voted for is to be
11 filled by the voters of the state at large or is for the office
12 of United States senator, otherwise not less than one per
13 cent nor more than two per cent of such gubernatorial vote
14 within the electoral division or district wherein such pro-
15 posed candidate is to be voted for. No person shall be
16 nominated as the candidate of more than one political party.
17 All such nomination papers shall besides containing the
18 names of the proposed candidates specify as to each, first,
19 the name of the office for which he is proposed as a can-
20 didate; second, the political party which he represents;
21 third, his place of residence. There shall not be in any
22 nomination paper the name of more than one candidate
23 proposed for nomination. Nomination papers shall be
24 signed by members of the political party named therein for
25 which the nomination is made. Each voter signing a nom-
26 ination paper shall make his signature in person and add
27 to it his place of residence. Each voter may subscribe his
28 name to one nomination for a candidate for each office to
29 be filled, and no more, except in cases where the office to
30 be filled by more than one person, and in such cases only
31 to the extent of such number. One of the signers to each
32 such separate paper, or the person circulating the same,

33 shall make oath thereon, or by certificate of oath annexed
34 thereto, that he believes the signatures are genuine and that
35 the persons signing are members of the political party
36 named therein and that they reside within the electoral
37 division or district for which the nomination is proposed.
38 The state at large shall be considered an electoral division
39 within the meaning of this section; provided, that nothing
40 herein shall make it necessary for nomination papers for
41 any candidate to be signed in the aggregate by qualified
42 voters greater in number than ten per cent of the last
43 gubernatorial vote cast by the party of such candidate with-
44 in the electoral division or district wherein such candidate
45 is to be voted for.'