

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Expenditures and Returns in Primary  
Elections.

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

Section 1. Section eighteen of chapter six of the revised  
2 statutes is hereby amended by inserting the words 'and  
3 newspaper advertising' after the word "traveling" in the  
4 thirteenth line of said section, and by inserting the words  
5 'and newspaper advertising' after the word "traveling" in  
6 the sixty-first line of said section, so that said section as  
7 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. Each candidate, so nominated, shall, with such

2 acceptance, send to the secretary of state the following re-  
3 turn by him subscribed and sworn to:

RETURN OF EXPENDITURES

To the Secretary of State:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, nominated  
2 for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, at the primary election  
3 held on June \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, on oath depose and say that the  
4 following is a true and perfect return of all expenditures  
5 by me made, or liabilities by me incurred for any purpose  
6 whatever, except my actual personal expenses for postage,  
7 telegrams, telephones, stationery, express, traveling and  
8 newspaper advertising, in connection with my said nomina-  
9 tion, or the procurement thereof, before, at, or since said  
10 primary election.

The aforesaid amount is made up of the following:

Printing	\$
Clerk hire	\$
Hall rent	\$
Soliciting agents	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Total	\$

Of the above, the following are itemized:

PRINTING

Name	date	Amount
(The subdivisions of clerk hire, hall rent and soliciting 2 agents shall follow the foregoing form.)		

## MISCELLEANOUS

Name.	Date	Amount	Purpose.
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I further depose and say that no person, firm or corporation has with my knowledge and consent paid any sum, or incurred any liability, other than to myself, or my political agent, to procure, or to aid in procuring, my nomination aforesaid.

Dated A. D. 19 .

State of Maine,

County, ss. A. D. 19.

Personally appeared and made oath that  
 2 the foregoing return by him signed is true.

Before me,

Justice of the Peace.

If any statement in said return is wilfully false it shall be deemed to be perjury and shall be punished accordingly. No expenditures shall be so made, or liabilities be so incurred except for the purposes named aforesaid in said return. The subdivision "Miscellaneous" shall not exceed ten per cent of the total amount hereinafter permitted, and shall include no items not legitimate under sections one hundred and twenty-four to one hundred and thirty-two, both inclusive, of chapter seven; subsections (d) and (e) of section one hundred and twenty-eight of chapter seven, as applied to primary elections, are to be construed as if reading as follows: '(d) of renting and furnishing rooms to be used by candidates or their political agents, and for

14 the reasonable entertainment and refreshment exclusive of  
15 alcoholic beverages, of political agent;’ ‘(e) of compensat-  
16 ing clerks and other persons employed in candidates’ rooms  
17 and at the polls.’ Political agents of candidates appointed  
18 under the provisions of said sections shall, within fifteen  
19 days after the date of the primary election, make to the  
20 secretary of state the return required by this section of  
21 candidates, omitting only therefrom any sums expended  
22 by them for the actual personal expenses of the candidate  
23 for postage, telegrams, telephones, stationery, express, trav-  
24 eling and newspaper advertising; and the form of the re-  
25 turn shall be varied accordingly. Candidates who are their  
26 own political agents need not make a separate return in the  
27 latter capacity. Any political agent failing to make return  
28 within the time required, shall be fined twenty-five dollars  
29 for each day on which he is in default, unless he shall be  
30 excused by the court, but such failure shall not avoid nor  
31 affect the nomination of the candidate. The returns afore-  
32 said shall be open to public inspection for one year and  
33 then be destroyed. The failure of any candidate to file a  
34 return within the time required by section seventeen, shall  
35 render his nomination void.’

Sect. 2. Section one hundred twenty-seven of chapter  
2 seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting  
3 after the word “traveling” in the fourth and fifth lines  
4 thereof, the words ‘and newspaper advertising,’ so that said  
5 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 127. No person other than a treasurer or political  
2 agent shall pay any of the expenses of any election, caucus,  
3 or primary election, except that a candidate may pay his  
4 actual personal expenses for postage, telegrams, telephones,  
5 stationery, express, traveling, and newspaper advertising;  
6 but the provisions of this section shall not apply to non-  
7 partisan election and ante-election expenses paid for out  
8 of the public moneys of the state or of any town, city or  
9 other municipality.'