

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 122

H. P. 212

House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Plummer of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Portland.

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

Section 1. That section eight of article five be repealed and the following enacted in place thereof as section eight of article five.

'Sect. 8. Ballots for use in elections under this charter shall contain the names of the various candidates, with their residence, and the office for which they are candidates. The candidates for each office shall be grouped under the title of each office, plainly and distinctly marked. There shall be at least two blank lines under the name of each office which may be filled by writing in the name of a candidate. Stickers may be used in lieu of writing in a name of candidate but no sticker shall be used save in the blank spaces provided.'

Sect. 2. That section nine of said article five be hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof as section nine of article five.

'Sect. 9. The face of the ballot shall be of the following form:

City of Portland

Regular (or special) City Election

Official Ballot

Candidates for office in the City of Portland at an election held on.....the..... day ofA. D.

To vote for any person, make a cross (X) in the square at the right of the name voted for.

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write in the name or use a sticker in blank space and make cross (X) at the right of name voted for.

COUNCILMAN

() to be chosen

Vote for ()

Mark (X) cross in this column

Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

() to be chosen

Vote for ()

Mark (X) cross in this column

Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		

Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		

WARDEN

1 to be chosen

Vote for 1 Mark (X) cross
in this
column

Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		

WARD CLERK

1 to be chosen

Vote for 1 Mark (X) cross
in this
column

Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		
Name of candidate and residence		

CONSTABLES

2 from the ward
at large

Vote for 2	Mark (X) cross in this column
Name of candidate and residence	
Name of candidate and residence	
Name of candidate and residence	
Name of candidate and residence	
Name of candidate and residence	

Back of Ballot

Portland, Maine

A. D.

Official Ballot

Ward

Precinct

(Facsimile of signature)

City Clerk.

Sect. 3. That section eleven of said article five be repealed and the following enacted in place thereof as section eleven of article five.

‘Sect. 11. As soon as the polls are closed, the warden shall immediately open the ballot boxes, take therefrom the ballots and sort, count and declare them in open meeting in the presence of the ward clerk; and the ward clerk shall make a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name and he shall make a true and fair record thereof in the presence of the warden and in open ward meeting enter the total number of votes for each candidate on a tally sheet provided by the City Clerk and he shall forthwith return said tally sheet duly attested by the warden and ward clerk to the City Clerk.’

Sect. 4. That section twelve of said article five be repealed and the following enacted in place thereof as section twelve of article five.

'Sect. 12. The City Clerk shall present the returns of the several wards to a meeting of the City Council held not later than forty-eight hours after the receipt of said returns by him. At such meeting, the City Council shall determine and declare the successful candidates as follows: The person or persons, not exceeding the number to be voted for at any one time for any office, having the highest number of votes given at the election shall be determined and declared to be elected.'