

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 489**

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S. P. 385

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Kitchen of Aroostook.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to What the Ballots Shall Contain and How  
Printed.

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

R. S. c. 8, sec. 2. Relating to what the ballots shall contain and how printed; size of ballot. Section two of chapter eight of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and thirty is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Designation on back and outside of ballot. Every general ballot, or ballot intended for the use of all voters, which shall be printed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall contain the names and residences, ward residences in city elections, of all candidates whose nominations for any office specified in the ballot have been duly made and not withdrawn in accordance herewith, and the office for which they have been severally nominated, and shall contain no other names except that in case of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, the names of the candidates for president and vice-president may be added to the party or political designation. The names of candidates nominated by any party shall be grouped together upon the ballot. Above each group shall be placed the name of the political party by

which the candidates comprising such group were placed in nomination, or the political designation as described in the certificate of nomination, or nomination papers, under a square. Below the name of each candidate for any office in any group there shall be left a blank space in which the voter may write the name of any person for whom he desires to vote as a candidate for such office; at the right of each name and at the right of the blank space above provided for there shall be left a blank square in which the voter may make a cross mark (X). If only one person be nominated by any party, or under any political designation, his name with the office for which he is a candidate shall be printed by itself under the name of such party or political designation. Whenever the approval of a constitutional amendment or other question is submitted to the vote of the people such question or questions shall be printed upon a separate ballot. The ballots shall be so printed as to leave a blank space above such amendment or question so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark, (X), therein, his answers to the questions submitted, and on the ballot may be printed such words as will aid the voter to do this as "yes," or "no," and the like. The ballot shall be not less than four inches in width and not less than six inches in length. Before distribution the ballots shall be so folded in marked creases that their width and length when folded shall be uniform. On the back and outside, when folded, shall be printed "Official ballot for," followed by the designation of the polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the secretary of state or city clerk who has caused the ballot to be printed. Except as otherwise herein provided, ballots shall be printed upon clean white paper without any distinguishing mark or figure thereon.'