

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 491

S. P. 387

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 Ballots for Primary Elections.

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

R. S. c. 7, sec. 9. Relating to ballots to be furnished by secretary of state. Section nine of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following: 'He shall provide and furnish for each voting place or precinct at which an election is to be held, not less than seventy-five of each party primary nominating ballots for every fifty votes and fraction of fifty votes cast by that party in said voting place or precinct at the next preceding election, city, county, state, or national, corresponding to and in congruity with the election for which said primary election is to be held and for which said ballots are provided,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Ballots to be furnished by secretary of state; number to be provided for primary elections; clerk of town may apply for larger supply of ballots. All ballots, printed notices, sample ballots, and cards of instructions shall be furnished by the secretary of state, at the expense of the state, in the same manner as in the case of regular elections. He shall provide and furnish for each voting place or precinct at which an election is to be held, not less than seventy-five of each

party primary nominating ballots for every fifty votes and fraction of fifty votes cast by that party in said voting place or precinct at the next preceding election, city, county, state, or national, corresponding to and in congruity with the election for which said primary election is to be held and for which said ballots are provided. All ballots, printed notices, sample ballots, and cards of instruction shall be forwarded by the secretary of state to the respective city, town, and plantation clerks, a record thereof made and receipts therefor returned, as provided in section eight of chapter eight; if the city, town, or plantation clerk deems that more than the above number of ballots may be required by any party on account of an increased enrolment, he shall so certify, on or before the date for filing primary nomination papers, to the secretary of state, who shall add the number so asked for to the number of primary nominating ballots sent to that city, town, or plantation. The expense of the calling and holding of the primary elections and the making and forwarding of the returns thereof shall be paid for by the municipalities. All other expenses hereunder shall be borne by the state.'