

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 612

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lindsey of East Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Permitting Small Town Polls to Close at Five O'clock in Primary Elections.

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

Small towns may close polls at 5 P. M. Section 11 of c. 7 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 11. Selectmen to issue warrants; posting of warrants; warrants directed to qualified and legally enrolled voters, only. Not less than 7 days before the 3rd Monday of June preceding a biennial state election, the selectmen of every town, by their warrant, shall notify and warn all legally qualified and enrolled voters to attend at the regular voting places on the 3rd Monday in June for the purpose of voting for persons to be nominated by their respective political parties as candidates to be voted for on the 2nd Monday in September the next ensuing. Said warrant shall be in substance as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT

State of Maine,

County of

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To the qualified and legally enrolled voters of the town of

You are hereby notified that the primary election in this town, of all political parties, entitled by law to nominate candidates for the next election, will be held at on Monday, June next, for the

purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the election to be held on the 2nd Monday in September next, viz:

(Here follow the officers to be nominated.)

The polls will be opened at o'clock in the forenoon and continue open until 7 o'clock (or "5 o'clock" in towns that have so decided) in the afternoon, when they will close.

Voters not enrolled as members of a political party entitled to nominate candidates will not be permitted to vote. Voters entitled to enrolment may cause themselves to be enrolled at the polling places during the primary election on taking and subscribing the oath required by law, but said voters shall not be allowed to vote at any primary election within the next 6 months following said enrolment unless a new voter, or a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality.

Dated at, this day of June, 19
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Selectmen of

Such warrants shall be posted in the manner required by law for warrants for the state election. Like warrants shall be issued by the mayor and aldermen of cities and assessors of plantations with appropriate changes, and posted in like manner. The meetings may be opened at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be opened not later than 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The polls shall be kept open until 7 o'clock in the afternoon and shall then be closed, **except that in towns of 300 inhabitants or less the towns shall have the option of closing the polls at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.** Notice of the time of opening and closing shall be given in the warrant calling the meeting. In all such warrants appropriate provisions shall be inserted calling the attention of voters to opportunities for correction of lists of voters by selectmen, municipal officers, or boards of registration in the manner required by law.