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House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1933.

Reported by Mr. Tompkins from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Regulating Number of Voting Compartments.

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

Number of Voting Compartments regulated. Section 14 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 14. Voting compartments to be provided for use of voters while marking their ballots. The municipal officers in each city, town or plantation, as aforesaid, shall cause the polling places therein to be suitably provided with a sufficient number of voting shelves and compartments, at or in which voters may conveniently mark their ballots so that in the marking thereof they shall be screened from the observation of others, and each voting shelf and compartment shall have a wooden swing door so arranged that the top thereof shall be not less than six feet from the floor and the bottom of the door shall be at least two feet and six inches from the floor. And such door shall be shut while the voter is within the compartment and no one shall be allowed therein with him, unless he calls for assistance in the marking of his ballot, and such assistance shall be so furnished according to the provisions of this chapter, and a guard-rail shall be so constructed and placed that only such persons as are inside said rail can approach within six feet of the ballot-boxes and of such voting shelves and compartments. The arrangement shall be such that the ballot-boxes

shall not be hidden from the view of persons present, and the voting shelves and compartments shall be so arranged that the door of each compartment shall be next to the guard-rail, so as to admit to full view of the persons just outside of the guard-rail those who enter and leave each compartment. The number of such voting shelves and compartments shall not be less than one for every **two** hundred voters qualified to vote at such polling place, and not less than ~~three~~ **two** in any town and not less than five in any ward of a city. No persons other than the election officers, election clerks, and voters admitted as hereinafter provided, shall be permitted within said rail, except by authority of the presiding election officer or officers for the purpose of keeping order and enforcing the law. Each voting shelf and compartment shall be kept provided with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballots.