

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burns of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Secret Ballot at Town Meetings.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 43, amended.** Section 43 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 43. Filing of certificates of nomination and nomination papers.** Certificates of nomination shall be filed with the town clerk of said town at least ~~eight~~ 12 days previous to the day of election, and nomination papers shall be so filed at least ~~six~~ 10 days previous to the day of election. The certificates of nomination and nomination papers being so filed, and being in conformity with the provisions of said sections 38-52 inclusive, shall be deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in writing. Such objections or questions arising in the case of nominations shall be considered by the selectmen of said town, and the decision of a majority of the selectmen shall be final. In case such objection is made, notice shall forthwith be delivered to the candidates affected thereby. All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when filed shall be open under proper regulations to public inspection, and the town clerk shall preserve the same in his office for not less than 1 year.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 48, amended.** Section 48 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 48. Town clerk to post list of candidates 7 days prior to the election.** At least ~~four~~ 7 days prior to the election, the town clerk shall cause to be conspicuously posted in one or more public places a printed list containing the names and residences of all candidates to be voted for in such town, and any designation as provided in section 42, substantially in the form of a general ballot to be so used therein.'