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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 856

H. P. 1814

House of Representatives, March 27, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

NEW DRAFT OF H. P. 833, L. D. 241

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Challenging of Voters in Towns.

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

R. S., c. 6, additional. Chapter 6 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 52. Persons claiming to be voters may be challenged. Any qualified elector in said towns may challenge the right of any person to vote in said towns at any election held therein and shall be given the opportunity by the presiding officer or officers thereof to make such challenge, and such presiding officer or officers shall note the fact of such challenge, together with the reason stated for such challenge, upon the voting list used in such town, and upon such ballot so challenged, witnessed by two election officers representing two different parties. But before permitting a person, so challenged, to vote, the presiding officer or officers shall cause him, personally, to write his place and date of birth; occupation; place of business; whether married or single; if married, the name and residence of the husband or wife; how long a resident of the town and where his last vote was cast, on blanks furnished for that purpose by the town clerk, and signed by the voter, whose signature shall be witnessed by 2 election officers represent-

ing 2 different parties. The presiding officer or officers shall promptly return all such records to the town clerk, who shall keep them on file for public inspection for 1 year. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a felony and be punishable as provided in section 31 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes.