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NINETY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 15, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Voters.

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

R. S., c. 3, § 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 19. Appearance in person to register; where person qualified shall vote; name under which women voters shall register; to notify board of change in surname. Every person whose name has not been entered upon the voting list in any city in accordance with the provisions hereof must, if he desires to vote, appear in person before the board ~~at the place provided for registration of registration or the city clerk~~ and prove that he possesses all the qualifications of a voter. **The said city clerk shall receive in writing the application of any such person who appears before him and shall stamp thereon the date when same is so received and shall file the same with the board of registration of voters and said board of registration shall in any open session of the board take action upon the said application and if satisfied as to the necessary qualifications of the applicant, the applicant shall be enrolled as a voter and his or her name shall then be placed upon the general register of voters and each applicant so registered and enrolled shall by said board be notified in writing of**

the enrollment and registration. All such applications so made to said city clerk shall be upon a printed form provided by said city clerk, which said printed form shall conform to the provisions of section 27. The provisions of this section, as to the provisions concerning the city clerk, shall only apply to cities of 25,000 inhabitants or any greater number less than 30,000 and shall not prevent any person from making personal appearance before the board of registration for the purpose of registering as a voter when said board is in open session. Every person qualified to vote shall vote only in the ward of the city and voting precinct thereof, if any, in which he had his residence on the 1st day of April preceding, or in which he became an inhabitant after said day. Every married woman now registered, or who shall hereafter register as a voter, shall be registered under her given name and married surname. Any married woman or widow may use her family name as a part of the name by which she shall be registered as a voter. Whenever a registered woman voter shall assume through marriage or any process of law a new surname, she shall notify the board of such change, in person, and the board shall then register her again; but when the open session for registration of voters, as hereinbefore provided has ended, and before the close of the day of election, she may present to the board a duly executed certificate of her marriage, or of her change of name by process of law, and the board shall cause her name to be changed accordingly on the voting list and the general register, and shall issue its certificate directed to the officers presiding over the election, in the same manner and with the same effect as hereinbefore provided by reason of clerical error or omission of a name from the voting list.'