

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 336**

S. P. 165

In Senate, February 1, 1951

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Marshall of York.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Ballots.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 5, amended.** The 7th sentence of section 5 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 82 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

The ballots shall be so printed as to leave a blank space above such amendment or question so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark (X), or a check mark (✓), therein, his answers to the questions submitted, and on the ballot may be printed such words as will aid the voter to do this as "yes," or "no," and the like. **In the event of a separate ballot containing a series of questions on related subjects such as the local option ballot, the ballots shall be so printed as to leave blank spaces above such series of questions, so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark (X), of a check mark (✓), therein, his answers, for or against, the entire series of questions submitted, as a group, and blank spaces beside each question so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark (X), or a check mark (✓), therein, his answer to the individual questions submitted if he so desires to answer the questions separately, and on the ballot shall be printed such words as will aid the voter to do this as "yes," or "no," and "To vote in**

favor of all questions mark a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) within this square” and “To vote in opposition to all questions mark a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) within this square,” and the like.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 35, amended. The 7th sentence of section 35 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘In case of a question submitted to the vote of the people, he shall place such mark in the appropriate margin above the answer which he desires to give. In the event of a separate ballot containing a series of questions on related subjects such as the local option ballot, he shall place such mark in the appropriate space for the answer he desires to give, as follows: he may place such mark within the appropriate square above the questions; and under the answer he desires to give, in which case he shall be deemed to have voted for or against all of the questions submitted; or if the voter shall desire to vote on the questions separately, he shall place such mark within the appropriate square beside each question and under the answer he desires to give.’