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Chapter 164.

An Act Amendatory and Additional to Section One Hundred and Twenty-one of Chapter Nineteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Public Health.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 121; relating to the prevention of blindness in infants. Section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end of the first sentence thereof the following: 'Every physician, midwife, nurse or other person in charge, shall instill, or cause to be instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth one or two drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the state department of health', so that the said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 121. Physician, midwife or nurse to instill into eyes of infant prophylactic solution immediately following birth; penalty for violation. If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within four weeks after birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of said infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to some legally qualified practitioner of medicine of the town in which the parents of the infant reside. Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth, one or two drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the state department of health, unless either parent or the guardian of the infant shall offer conscientious objections thereto. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed six months.'

Approved April 3, 1919.

Chapter 165.

An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Penalty for Violation of Provisions in Regard to Conduct of Primary Elections.

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

R. S., c. 6, § 13; relating to the conducting of primary elections, amended. Section thirteen of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following sentence: 'Every city, town or plantation clerk, ward or election officer, or person voting, who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this section shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

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Sec. 13. Penalty for violation of provisions relating to conducting of primary elections. No person shall vote at any primary election unless a legally qualified voter at such voting place, as required by the preceding section, and, in all cities and in towns of two thousand inhabitants or more, enrolled as qualified to vote in the caucuses of his political party in the manner provided by the general or special laws applicable to said cities, or any of them, or to said towns. The selectmen of towns and the wardens of wards in cities shall be seasonably furnished by the town or city clerk, or other official charged with the duty of preserving the same, with duly certified copies of all enrolment lists, arranging each political party separately and its names of voters therein alphabetically. If not therein enrolled, any voter qualified by law and this chapter as a legal voter at such voting place, may be enrolled after subscribing and making oath before a ballot clerk to the statement as required by section thirty-nine of this chapter, and the duties imposed upon the secretary of a caucus by said section shall be performed by such ballot clerk. A suitable number of such statements shall be furnished at each voting place by the city or town; if the number be insufficient, or none be furnished, the statement aforesaid may be sworn to as aforesaid and return thereof made in like manner as if the same had been subscribed. At the polling places in the cities and towns aforesaid each person applying to vote shall give his name, residence, party affiliation, and place of last enrolment, if any; if already enrolled in the precinct he shall be given a ballot of his party, his name shall be checked on the enrolment list, and he shall be admitted to the voting booth and vote. If not enrolled and then enrolled as hereinbefore provided, he shall be given a ballot of his party, checked and may vote as aforesaid. In plantations and towns having less than two thousand inhabitants, enrolment shall not be necessary and any voter, legally qualified to vote therein, shall, upon giving his name and party affiliation, be given a ballot of his party, his name checked upon the voting list and he shall be admitted to the voting booth and vote. No ballot shall be received containing any distinguishing mark or figures thereon other than as herein expressly permitted. Every city, town or plantation clerk, ward or election officer, or person voting, who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this section shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

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