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nineteen hundred and seventeen; by chapter two hundred and fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, and by chapter forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out in the seventeenth line thereof the words "seven hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words 'one thousand dollars' so that said seventeenth line, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Waldo county, increased.** 'Waldo, one thousand dollars.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

## Chapter 61.

An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Sagadahoc County.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 41; P. L., 1919, c. 214; 1921, c. 219; 1923, c. 106; relating to compensation of sheriffs, amended. Section forty-one of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter one hundred and six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "Sagadahoc, fifteen hundred dollars," in the fifteenth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words, 'Sagadahoc, eighteen hundred dollars,' so that said fifteenth line, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Sagadahoc county, increased.** 'Sagadahoc, eighteen hundred dollars.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

## Chapter 62.

An Act to Amend Sections Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen and Thirty-eight of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Primary Elections.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 6, sec. 11; relating to issuing of primary election warrants and posting of same, amended. Section eleven of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

'**Sec. 11.** Warrant directed to qualified and legally enrolled voters, only;

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provision providing for omission of enrollment requirement in warrants issued in towns of less than 2000 inhabitants stricken out. Not less than seven days before the third Monday of June preceding a biennial state election, the selectmen of every town, by their warrant, shall notify and warn all legally qualified and enrolled voters to attend at the regular voting places on the third Monday in June for the purpose of voting for persons to be nominated by their respective political parties as candidates to be voted for on the second Monday in September the next ensuing. Said warrant shall be in substance as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT

State of Maine, ss.

County of

To the qualified and legally enrolled voters of the town of

You are hereby notified that the primary election in this town, of all political parties, entitled by law to nominate candidates for the next election, will be held at ..... on Monday, June ..... next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the election to be held on the second Monday in September next, viz:

(Here follow the officers to be nominated.)

The polls will be open at twelve o'clock, noon, and continue open until nine o'clock in the afternoon when they close.

Voters not enrolled as members of a political party entitled to nominate candidates will not be permitted to vote. Voters entitled to enrollment may cause themselves to be enrolled at the polling places during the primary election on taking and subscribing the oath required by law, but said voters shall not be allowed to vote at any primary election within the next six months following said enrollment unless a new voter, or a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of June, 19 .  
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Selectmen of .....

'Such warrants shall be posted in the manner required by law for warrants for the state election. Like warrants shall be issued by the mayor

and aldermen of cities and the assessors of plantations with appropriate changes and posted in like manner. The meetings shall be opened and closed as stated in the form of the warrant foregoing. In all such warrants appropriate provisions shall be inserted calling the attention of voters to opportunities for correction of lists of voters by selectmen, municipal officers or board of registration in the manner required by law.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 6, sec. 12; relating to determination of qualifications of voters, amended.** Section twelve of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 12. Uniform enrollment in all cities, towns and plantations provided for; enrollment required; those who have become voters within eight months and those enrolling for first time permitted to enroll and vote.** In all such primary elections the qualification of voters shall be determined by the voting list used at the municipal elections of said towns, cities and plantations, next preceding the primary election and a list of the aforesaid voters enrolled by party designation as provided for in the preceding section and section thirty-eight of this chapter, and no person shall be allowed to vote in any primary election unless the name of said voter appears legally on said voting list and enrollment list, except those who have become voters within eight months preceding said primary election, and a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality who shall be allowed to enroll and vote.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 6, sec. 13; relating to conduct of primary elections, amended.** Section thirteen of chapter six of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 13. No person to vote unless qualified and enrolled; election officers to be furnished with enrollment lists; enrollment to be accomplished before registration boards; penalty for violation of provisions.** No person shall vote at any primary election unless a legally qualified and enrolled voter at such voting place, as required by the preceding section. The selectmen of towns and plantations, the warden of wards in cities shall be seasonably furnished by the town, plantation or city clerk, or other official charged with the duty of preserving the same, with duly certified copies of all enrollment 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 registration board of the district or precinct to the statement as required by section

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thirty-nine of this chapter, and the duties imposed upon the secretary of a caucus by said section shall be performed by such registration board. A suitable number of such statements shall be furnished at each voting place by the city, town, or plantation; 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, towns and plantations aforesaid each person applying to vote shall give his name, residence, party affiliation and place of last enrollment, if any; if already enrolled six months before in the precinct he shall be given a ballot of his party, his name shall be checked on the enrollment 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, if a new voter or a voter enrolling for the first time checked, and may vote as aforesaid. 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.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 6, sec. 38; relating to enrollment, amended.** Section thirty-eight of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 38. Enrollment declarations filed with board of registration; newly registered voters exempt.** Any person who is a legal voter may enroll himself as a member of any political party by filing with the board of registration of voters of the city, town or plantation of which he is a legal voter a declaration in writing, signed by him, substantially as follows: "I ....., being a legal voter of ....., hereby elect to be enrolled as a member of the ..... party. The following statement of name, residence, place of last enrollment if any, and party of last enrollment if any, is true." A new enrollment may be made at any time, but the person making such new enrollment shall not vote in any political caucus or primary election within six months thereafter; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any person who shall have been newly registered as a voter within eight months preceding the date of the caucus or primary election; or any voter enrolling for the first time in that precinct or municipality.'

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