

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Changing the Date of Primary Election to the First Wednesday  
after Labor Day.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 21 MRSA § 444, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 340, § 3, is further amended to read:

He must be enrolled, on or before ~~April~~ **June** 1st, in the party named in the petition, and must be eligible to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election as provided in subsection 3 of section 134.

**Sec. 2.** 21 MRSA § 445, sub-§ 9, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 761, § 17, is amended to read:

9. **When filed.** It must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by or before 5 p. m. on ~~April~~ **June** 1st of the election year in which it is to be used.

**Sec. 3.** 21 MRSA § 445, sub-§ 11, as amended by PL 1971, c. 65, § 10, is further amended to read:

11. **Petition challenged.** Anyone who desires to challenge the validity of a candidate's primary petition as filed with the Secretary of State must notify the Secretary of State in writing setting forth his reasons within 7 days after ~~April~~ **June** 1st prior to the primary election.

**Sec. 4.** 21 MRSA § 447, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1971, c. 65, § 11, is further amended to read:

1. **Limitation.** Corrections or additional signatures may not be submitted after ~~April~~ **June 1st** prior to the primary election.

**Sec. 5.** ~~21~~ **MRSA § 448**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 133, is further amended to read:

**§ 448. Time of election**

The primary election shall be held on the ~~2nd Tuesday of June~~ **first Wednesday after Labor Day** of each general election year.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill is intended to shorten the time of political campaigns to the benefit of the candidates and the constituency.