

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning Nomination of Candidates for Municipal Offices.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 30 MRSA § 2061, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1969, c. 114, § 6, is further amended to read:

They shall be filed with the clerk during business hours on or before the ~~21st~~ 35th day next prior to the day of election.

**Sec. 2.** 30 MRSA § 2061, sub-§ 3, ¶ C, first sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 265, § 1, is further amended to read:

A certificate of political caucus nomination and a nomination paper which conforms with this section is valid unless a written objection to it is made to the selectmen on or before the ~~19th~~ 33rd day next prior to the day of election.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will require nomination papers for municipal candidates and certificates of political caucus nominations for political candidates to be filed with the municipal clerk 5 weeks prior to election instead of 3 weeks prior. The bill changes the time for filing objections to these papers or certificates from the 19th day to the 33rd day prior to the election in order to conform to the first change.

The present time limit of 3 weeks for filing is insufficient to permit municipal clerks to arrange for absentee ballots and other matters requiring lead time. This bill will relieve some of the extreme time pressure on municipal clerks.