

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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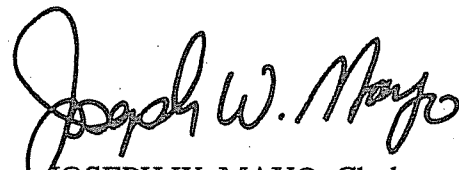
H.P. 884

House of Representatives, April 8, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections and Nominations by  
Political Parties.**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROWE of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BENNETT of Norway, BOWERS of Washington, LEMKE of  
Westbrook, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §331, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

B. A person may file as a candidate for any federal, state or county office either by primary election or nomination petition but not by both, except for a candidate for membership in a county charter commission under section 351, subsection 3. This section does not prohibit a minor party from also nominating at its convention a candidate who has already been nominated by primary election by another party or independent nomination if that minor party has not nominated a candidate.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §331, sub-§3, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A person nominated by any means for the same office by more than one political party, at least 45 days before the day of the election, may elect the party or parties in which the nominee is a candidate. The nominee shall notify in writing the Secretary of State of the nominee's choice and only the party or parties that the nominee so elects must be printed next to the nominee's name on the ballot.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §331, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Minor party nominations. Notwithstanding this chapter, a candidate may also be nominated and have the candidate's name printed on the general election ballot when a minor party desires to nominate at its convention a candidate for any office for which major political parties nominate by primary election or for the offices of president or vice-president of the United States. The chair of the minor party shall file a certificate of that party's nomination with the Secretary of State not less than 90 days before the general election of the nomination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any special act, the nomination of a candidate by a major or minor party under this chapter for any office does not disqualify the candidate from appearing on the ballot by nominating petition for the same office. This section does not prohibit any candidate from appearing on the ballot as the nominee of 2 or more major or minor parties.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows for multiparty endorsement and nomination of candidates.