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NINETIETH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document **No. 119**

H. P. 310. House of Representatives, January 21, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gould of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE

AN ACT to Enable Candidates for Office to File Their Names in State Primaries Without Petitions.

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

R. S., c. 7, additional. Chapter 7 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following sections to be numbered 4-A and 4-B, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 4-A. **Modes of nomination. Nomination for places on the ballots to be used at primary elections shall be made for each of the political parties entitled as aforesaid to representation therein by (1) complying with the provisions of this chapter that are applicable to the filing and preparation of nomination papers, or (2) by complying with the provisions of section 4-B of this chapter.'**

'Sec. 4-B. **Declaration of intent; fees. A citizen desiring to be a candidate in the primary elections may file a declaration of intent to become a candidate for the office he wishes to obtain in lieu of filing nomination papers. The following fees shall be paid to the secretary of state by the candidate at the time of the filing of his declaration:—**

for candidacy for presidential elector, $10;
for candidacy for United States Senator or Congressman, $100;
for candidacy for governor, $100;
for candidacy for representative to legislature, $5;
for candidacy for all other state or county offices, $10;

The fees received by the secretary of state shall be paid to the treasurer of state and become part of the general fund. The declaration of intent shall follow substantially the following form and shall be signed and sworn to before an official duly qualified to take acknowledgements under the law of the state.'

..... Maine ..... 19....

I, ..., the
(Insert name exactly as it is to appear on official ticket)

undersigned residing at ..... in the {Town / City} of
(Here give post office address)

..... county of ..... and a member of the ..... party, hereby declare my intention to become, and that I am and will be, a candidate for the office of

.....
(Here insert exact title of office)

to be voted for in the .....
(Here insert name of election precinct)

at the primary election to be he d on the third Monday in June 19...., as representing the principles of said party.

.....
(Signed)

Fee enclosed, $.....

State of Maine, County of ....., ss

Personally appeared before me, a .....
in and for ..... County ..... State of ....., the above named ....., who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this ..... day of ....., 19.....