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In Senate, March 17, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chapman, Jr. of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Submission of Information by State Employees and
Candidates for Certain Public Office.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 8, § 7-A, additional. Chapter 8 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 7-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 7-A. Candidates for state and county offices to file statement. All candidates for state and county elective offices shall file with the secretary of state, on or prior to the date of filing nomination papers, a statement of biographical information. Such statement shall contain:

I. Name,

II. Places of residence by dates for the preceding 10 years,

III. Business, trade occupation by dates for the preceding 10 years,

IV. Record of conviction of crime, if any, and

V. Such other information as the secretary of state or the candidate himself deems necessary.

Such statement shall be signed by the candidate and under oath. A duplicate copy shall be filed with the town clerk of the town of the candidate's residence.

Such statement shall be kept on file by the secretary of state and the town clerk for a period of not less than 12 months after filing, and shall, during that period, be open to public inspection.

Whoever wilfully makes a misstatement in the statement of biographical information shall be deemed guilty of perjury. Whoever fails to file the statement shall not have his name provided on the ballot and shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor to be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 11, § 8-A, additional. Chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 8-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 8-A. State and county appointive officers to file statements. The provisions of section 7-A of chapter 8 as far as applicable shall apply to all state and county offices filled by appointment, except notaries public and justices of the peace. No appointment for such state or county office shall be effective unless the statement provided by section 7-A of chapter 8 is filed within 3 days from the date the appointment is made.'