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LD 231 / SP0099

An Act To Establish Open Primaries. Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 04/12/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/09/21. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-195, SA/CA (Changed Title) S-588. Carried Over: 07/19/21. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 05/08/22, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 750.

Original Bill

[LD 231 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 231 / PL 2021, c. 750](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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News Articles

Building an inclusive democracy starts with semi-open primaries (Chloe Maxmin) (Bangor Daily News, 2/13/2021, p. A13) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/BDN 210213J.pdf)

Semi-open primaries will bring our political process in line with our values (Nicole Grohoski) (Ellsworth American, 3/4/2021, p. Sec. II, p.6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 210304D.pdf)

Promise of open primaries a Maine rite of spring (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 3/11/2021, p. Sec. II, p.4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 210311B.pdf)

DA- Open primaries help democracy (Maeghan Maloney) (Central Maine Sunday, 5/9/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Central Maine Sunday 210509A.pdf)

It's time for open primaries (Editorial) (Ellsworth American, 4/8/2021, p. Sec II p 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 210408E.pdf)

Open primary elections to all Maine voters (Craig Hickman) (Kennebec Journal, 4/8/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/KJ 210408B.pdf)

Maine should maintain voting rights leadership (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 4/11/2021, p. D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/MST 210411D.pdf)

Wrapping up our work in Augusta (Chloe Maxmin) (Boothbay Register, 6/24/2021, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Clip21367.pdf)

A small step forward for primary election reform (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 5/27/2021, p. Sec II p 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 210527H.pdf)

Open primaries bill gains support of Olympia Snowe (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/2/2021, p. B1,B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/PPH 210602G.pdf)

Mainers must have the right to vote in all taxpayer-funded elections (Craig Hickman) (Portland Press Herald, 4/7/2021, p. A11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/PPH 210407E.pdf)

Bill would open primaries to voters not enrolled in party (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 4/13/2021, p. B1, B10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/PPH 210413D.pdf)

Maine open primary bid misses mark (Douglas Rooks) (York County Coast Star, 5/7/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/YCCS 210507A.pdf)

Passage of open primaries bill a bipartisan triumph (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 6/17/2021, p. Sec II p 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 210617A.pdf)

Open primaries idea sparks historical deja vu (Paul Mills) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/27/2021, p. C5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Sun Journal 210627D.pdf)

Semi-open primaries may help engage more voters (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 6/4/2021, p. A10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/BDN 210604E.pdf)

Lawmakers advance bill that opens primaries in Maine (Kevin Miller and Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/9/2021, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/PPH 210609A.pdf)

Open primaries bill clears Maine House, Senate (Kevin Miller and Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/10/2021, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/PPH 210610J.pdf)

Everyone should get the chance to vote (Editorial) (Ellsworth American, 5/19/2022, p. Sec. II, p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/Ellsworth American 220519B.pdf)

Senate enacts bill to create semi-open primaries (Lincoln County News, 5/5/2022, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/LCN 220505B.pdf)

Maine to start open primaries in 2024 (Jessica Piper) (Bangor Daily News, 4/26/2022, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/BDN 220426H.pdf)

Semi-open primaries wrong way to aid voter turnout (Michael Cianchette) (Bangor Daily News, 4/30/2022, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD02xx/nc130-LD-0231/BDN 220430F.pdf)

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