

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 831

H. P. 624

House of Representatives, February 2, 1965

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket and Mr. Cookson of Glenburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Eliminating Nomination by Primary Election and Providing for
Certificates of Intention.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, c. 16, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 16, to read as follows:

‘CHAPTER 16

NOMINATION BY CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

§ 461. Nominations for places on ballots; certificates of intention to be filed

Nominations for places on the ballots to be used at primary elections shall be made for each of the political parties entitled to representation thereon by filing in the office of the Secretary of State certificates of intention on a form prepared by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Attorney General. All such certificates of intention shall, besides containing the names of the proposed candidates, specify as to each, the following:

1. Office. The office for which he proposes to be a candidate;
2. Party. The political party which he represents;
3. Residence. His place of residence.

Certificates of intention shall be accompanied by a fee equal to 1% of the yearly salary of the office for which the certificate of intention is filed and such fees shall be credited to the General Fund.

§ 462. Certificates of intention, when to be filed

No such certificate of intention shall be filed before the first day of January of the year in which such primary election is to be held and all such certificates of intention shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before the first Monday in April of that year. With such certificate of intention there shall also be filed the consent in writing of the person proposed therein as a candidate, agreeing to accept the nomination, if nominated not to withdraw and if elected at the state election to qualify as such officer. In case any person who has been duly proposed as a candidate under this section and section 461 shall die before the day of the primary election, or shall withdraw in writing, so that the nomination shall be less than the number of candidates required to be voted for by law, the Governor, by proclamation, shall declare that a vacancy exists and declare the manner in which the nomination shall be made. All certificates of intention when filed shall forthwith be opened and kept open under proper regulations to public inspection, and the Secretary of State shall preserve the same in his office not less than one year.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, c. 15, repealed. Chapter 15 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 12, additional. Section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 12, to read as follows:

'12. **Fee.** The nomination petition when filed shall be accompanied by the same fees provided for by section 461.'

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It is estimated that the State would realize at least \$1,000 in savings by not printing, distributing and handling primary papers. The fees for filing would result in at least \$25,000 in revenues.