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S. P. 750

In Senate, January 9, 1968

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Anderson of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Relating to Vacancies in the Office of State Senator.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine reapportioned the Senate July 8, 1967, causing the Senate to be divided into 32 districts for the choice of Senators; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to permit a change in procedures now provided for nomination by each political party when a vacancy in the office of State Senator exists; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 1442, amended. The first paragraph of section 1442 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The meeting of a political committee as required by sections 1471, 1473, 1474, ~~1501~~ 1502 and 1533 is governed by the following provisions:

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1443, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 1443 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

2. County committee. A county committee makes such choices concerning all county offices and **committee members residing within Senatorial Districts make such choices concerning** the office of State Senator.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 1501, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 1501 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

2. Nominees chosen. He shall order the appropriate political ~~committees~~ **committee members** to choose nominees and shall set a time and place for them to meet. The ~~committees~~ **committee members** shall follow the procedure outlined in section 1442.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.