

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Checking of Nomination Petitions.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 445, sub-§ 3, repealed and replaced. Subsection 3 of section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. How signed. It must be signed personally by the voter in such manner to satisfy the registrar of each municipality concerned that the person signing the petition is, in fact, a registered voter, enrolled in the proper party in the municipality and resides in the electoral division for which nomination is sought. Ditto marks are permitted.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 445, sub-§ 8-A, additional. Section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 8-A to read as follows:

8-A. Checked by registrar. A nomination petition must be submitted to the registrar of each municipality concerned before being filed. The registrar or a member of the board of registration shall certify forthwith on the petition which names on it are those of persons registered and enrolled in the appropriate party in the municipality and in the electoral division specified in the petition.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clearly spell out the responsibility of the registrar of voters to check names which are on nomination petitions to see that

those persons whose names are on the petitions are registered and enrolled in the appropriate party in the municipality. Additionally, it would clarify present provisions relating to signing of nomination petitions to allow the voter to sign in such a manner as to satisfy the registrar of voters that the person signing is a registered voter and is a resident.