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## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

# Legislative Document

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers.

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

- Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 1, sub-§ 21, amended. Subsection 21 of section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 21. Party. "Party" refers to a political party which polled at least #\(\frac{4}{7}\)6 of the total vote for Governor cast in the State at the last gubernatorial election.
- Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 5. Number of signatures required. It must be signed by a number of voters equal to at least  $\frac{1\%}{100}$  5% of the number of votes cast for Governor at the last gubernatorial election in the electoral division which is to make the nomination, but in no case less than 25.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act would have the effect of increasing the number of signatures required on a 3rd party nomination petition to 5% of the number of votes cast for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.