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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 62

House of Representatives, January 7, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for Presidential Preferences in Primary Election.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 401, amended. The first paragraph of section 401 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each party shall hold a state convention between March 1st and ~~October~~
~~1st~~ July 1st biennially during general election year.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 401, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, additional. Subsection 2 of section 401 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph H to read as follows:

H. Delegates to national convention. Elect delegates and alternates to the national convention of the party. The delegates and alternates shall vote on the first ballot for the candidate for President receiving a plurality of the votes at the primary election.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 441-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 441-A, to read as follows:

§ 441-A. Presidential preference in primary

At the primary election voters shall be given an opportunity to vote for their choice of a candidate for President of the United States. In order for the name of a candidate for President to appear upon a party ballot he shall conform to the requirements of this chapter. Voters may write in the name of a candidate in accordance with section 921, subsection 2.

Section 4. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section

701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13-A of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

3. **Order of offices.** The order of offices on the ballot is as follows: **President of the United States**, United States Senator, Governor, Representative to Congress, State Senator and Representative to the Legislature followed by the county offices.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to permit voters in the primary election to vote for their choice of a candidate for President of the United States.