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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 156

H. P. 112

House of Representatives, January 13, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Candidates for Political Office in Primaries.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 443, amended. Section 443 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

He must be enrolled in the major party whose nomination he seeks, except as provided in section 445, subsection 5, paragraph A.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 445, sub-§ 5, ¶ A, additional. Subsection 5 of section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph A, to read as follows:

A. Exception. If a candidate for state or county office desires to seek nomination by a political party in which he is not enrolled, the primary petition must be signed by a number of enrolled voters in such party equal to at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that electoral division at the last gubernatorial election by such political party.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make cross-filing more difficult and thus to produce candidates who will more accurately reflect the political philosophies of, and can more faithfully support, party platforms.