

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 502

H. P. 387

House of Representatives, February 2, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Waterville by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Determining Position of Names of Candidates on Primary Ballots
and General Election Ballots.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection 2 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

B. Name and residence of candidate. The ballot must contain the name, without any title, and place of residence of each candidate arranged under the proper office designation ~~alphabetically by surname~~. **When there is more than one candidate under an office designation, the sequence of the names shall be determined by the Secretary of State by a public drawing of lots.** The name of each candidate may be printed on the ballot in only one space.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, amended. Paragraph D of subsection 2 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

D. Name and residence of nominee. The ballot must contain the name, without any title, and place of residence of each nominee arranged under the proper office designation ~~alphabetically by surname~~. The nominees of the same party must be grouped together on the ballot below the party designation. If there is only one nominee under a political designation, his name and the office which he seeks must be printed below that political

designation. When there is more than one nominee under an office designation, the sequence of the names shall be determined by the Secretary of State by a public drawing of lots.

(1) **Exception.** The names of Presidential Electors must not appear on the ballot.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to change the order of the names of the candidates on ballots. The present law provides for alphabetical arrangement by surname. This bill proposes that the arrangement shall be determined by lot.