

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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H. P. 934

House of Representatives, March 3, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hancock of Casco.

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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 Alternative Methods of Nominating Candidates.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 445-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 445-A to read as follows:

§ 445-A. Nominations for places on ballots; certificates of intention to be filed

Nominations for places on the ballots to be used at primary elections shall be made for each of the political parties entitled to representation thereon by filing in the office of the Secretary of State certificates of intention on a form prepared by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Attorney General. All such certificates of intention shall, besides containing the names of the proposed candidates, specify as to each, the following:

1. Office. The office for which he proposes to be a candidate;
2. Party. The political party which he represents;
3. Residence. His place of residence.

Certificates of intention to seek the office of Representative to the Legislature shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50; for office of State Senator, a fee of \$150; for county officers in counties under 75,000 population by the Federal Census of 1970, a fee of \$150; for county officers in counties over 74,999 population by the Federal Census of 1970, a fee of \$250; for the office of Representative to Congress, a fee of \$500 and for the office of United States Senator and Governor, a fee of \$1,000.

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

§ 445-B. Certificates of intention ; when to be filed

No such certificate of intention shall be filed before the first day of January of the year in which such primary election is to be held and all such certificates of intention shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before the first Monday in April of that year. With such certificate of intention there shall also be filed the consent in writing of the person proposed therein as a candidate, agreeing to accept the nomination, if nominated not to withdraw and if elected at the state election to qualify as such officer. In case any person who has been duly proposed as a candidate under this section and section 445-A shall die before the day of the primary election, or shall withdraw in writing, so that the nomination shall be less than the number of candidates required to be voted for by law, the Governor, by proclamation, shall declare that a vacancy exists and declare the manner in which the nomination shall be made. All certificates of intention when filed shall forthwith be opened and kept open under proper regulations to public inspection, and the Secretary of State shall preserve the same in his office not less than 2 years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.