

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1547

S. P. 480

In Senate, March 22, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Determining Position of Names of Candidates on Primary 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. The first sentence of 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:

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.**

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by the Initiated Bill of 1971, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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