

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

(EMERGENCY)
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2530

H. P. 1985

House of Representatives, February 25, 1974

Reported by Majority from Committee on Election Laws pursuant to Joint Order (H. P. 1968) and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Elections to the House of Representatives.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Supreme Judicial Court, by a decision of February 14, 1974, has reapportioned the House of Representatives and has made substantial changes in the representative districts; and

Whereas, primary petitions must be signed by a number of voters based on the number of votes last cast for Governor in the electoral divisions, the boundaries of which have now been changed by the decision of the court; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 445, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

A primary petition for a candidate for the House of Representatives must be signed by at least 25 and not more than 50 voters and, in a representative district entitled to 2 or more representatives, by a number equal to at least 25 and not more than 50 multiplied by the number of representatives to which the district is entitled.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

A nomination petition for a candidate for the House of Representatives must be signed by at least 25 and not more than 50 voters and, in a representative district entitled to 2 or more representatives, by a number of voters equal to at least 25 and not more than 50 multiplied by the number of representatives to which the district is entitled.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

For municipalities which include more than one single member district of the House of Representatives, or parts thereof, the Secretary of State shall have the authority to prepare primary election ballots of one or more distinctive colors for each single member district or part thereof within the municipality.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 6, amended. Subsection 6 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

For municipalities which include more than one single member district of the House of Representatives, or parts thereof, the Secretary of State shall have the authority to prepare general election ballots of one or more distinctive colors for each single member district or part thereof within the municipality.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the bill is stated in the emergency preamble.