

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Changing the Date of Primary Election to the First Wednesday
after Labor Day.**

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA, § 444, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 89 and
as amended by PL 1971, c. 579, § 1, is further amended to read:

He must be enrolled, on or before ~~April~~ **June** 1st, in the party named in the
petition.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA, § 445, sub-§ 9, as amended by PL 1973, c. 414, § 17, is
further amended to read:

9. When filed. It must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by
or before 9 p.m. on ~~April~~ **June** 1st of the election year in which it is to be
used.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA, § 445, sub-§ 11, as amended by PL 1971, c. 65, § 10, is
further amended to read:

11. Petition challenged. Anyone who desires to challenge the validity of
a candidate's primary petition as filed with the Secretary of State must notify
the Secretary of State in writing setting forth his reasons within 7 days after
~~April~~ **June** 1st prior to the primary election.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA, § 447, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1971, c. 65, § 11, is
further amended to read:

1. Limitation. Corrections or additional signatures may not be submitted
after ~~April~~ **June** 1st prior to the primary election.

Sec. 5. 21 **MRSA, § 448**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 133, is further amended to read:

§ 448. Time of election

The primary election shall be held on the ~~2nd Tuesday of June~~ first **Wednesday after Labor Day** of each general election year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to shorten the time of political campaigns to the benefit of the candidates and the constituency.