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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 953

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Candidates for Public Office who are Running as Independents.

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

- 21 MRSA § 491, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:
- 3. Nonenrollment. No person shall file by nomination petition as a candidate for any federal, state or county office who, within one year of the date upon which the nomination petition is filed with the Secretary of State, has been enrolled in a political party as defined in section 1, subsection 21.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides that no candidate shall be nominated by petition unless that candidate has not been enrolled in a political party for one year prior to the filing of the nomination. A political party under this subsection means a political party which polled at least 1% of the total vote for Governor cast in the State at the last gubernatorial election.