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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-667)

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1128, L.D. 1404, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide a Uniform Filing Deadline for Candidates
for State and National Office within the State of Maine."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and
inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT Relating
to Nomination by Petition.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the
following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §492, sub-§5, 1st sentence, is amended
to read:

It must be signed by a number of voters equal to at least
~~1/3~~ 3/8 of the number of votes cast for Governor at the last
gubernatorial election in the electoral division which is to
make the nomination, but in no case less than 25.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §492, sub-§9 is repealed and the following
enacted in place thereof:

9. Declaration of candidacy. A person who seeks
nomination by petition must file/^asigned declaration of candidacy
with the Secretary of State by or before 5 p.m. on April 1st of
the election year in which he will be a candidate. Failure to
file such declaration prior to 5 p.m. on April 1st will result
in that person being ineligible to be a candidate for election.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §492, sub-§10, as last repealed and
replaced by PL 1971, c. 544, §66, is repealed and the following

enacted in place thereof:

10. Filing. Persons seeking nomination by petition and having submitted a declaration of candidacy in accordance with subsection 9 must file petitions in the office of the Secretary of State prior to 5 p.m. on the date of the primary election.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment raises the number of signatures required on a nomination petition from 1% to 3%, removes the requirement for certification of signatures and requires all candidates to file a declaration of candidacy by April 1st.

Filed by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

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