

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 23

House of Representatives, January 6, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsor : Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Delete the Requirement that a Candidate's Name on a General  
Election Ballot Must be Followed by a Community Designation.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 1, 1st ¶, as last repealed and replaced by P.L. 1973, c. 414, § 32, is repealed and the following enacted in its place :

1. **Arrangement.** The ballot shall contain the name, without any title, of each nominee, arranged under the proper office designation alphabetically with the surname first.

**Sec. 2.** 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ F, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 414, § 34, is repealed and the following enacted in its place :

**F. Space for write-ins.** At the end of the list of nominees to each office, there shall be left as many blank spaces as there are vacancies to be filled, in which a voter may write the name, with the surname first or last, without any title, of any person for whom he desires to vote.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will remove the community designation from the listing of each candidate's name on the general election ballot.