

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 50**

H. P. 33

House of Representatives, January 11, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Extend the Time Limit in which to Challenge Primary Petitions  
from 7 to 30 Days after April 1st Prior to the Primary Election.**

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

21 **MRSA § 445, sub-§ 11**, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 65, § 10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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 30 days after April 1st prior to the primary election.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, anyone who wishes to challenge the validity of a candidate's primary petition must file his objections to the petition within 7 days after April 1st prior to the primary election. This time limit does not allow sufficient time to permit proper inspection of nomination petitions in respective communities. This bill will extend this time limit from 7 to 30 days after April 1st prior to the primary election.