

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 81

House of Representatives, January 18, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Truman of Biddeford.

Cosponsor: Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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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 Provide for Filing Fees in Lieu of Signatures on Nomination  
Petitions.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 441, sub-§ 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Exceptions. This does not apply to a nomination to fill a vacancy, or where the nomination is made by nomination petition or where a nomination fee is paid in lieu of the nomination petition to the Secretary of State under the following schedule:

Candidates for	Nomination fee
Governor or United States Senate	\$500.
United States House of Representatives	250.
State Senate or county office	100.
House of Representatives	25.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 445, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 761, § 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Number of signatures required. A primary petition shall be signed by a number of voters indicated for the following offices:

Candidates for	Signatures required
Governor or United States Senate	2,000
United States House of Representatives	1,000

State Senate or county office	250
House of Representatives	50

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 491, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Exception. This does not apply to a nomination where a nomination fee is paid in lieu of the nomination petition to the Secretary of State under the following schedule:

Candidates for	Nomination fee
Governor or United States Senate	\$500.
United States House of Representatives	250.
State Senate or county office	100.
House of Representatives	25.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 492, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 761, § 20, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Number of signatures required. A primary petition shall be signed by a number of voters indicated for the following offices:

Candidates for	Signatures required
Governor or United States Senate	2,000
United States House of Representatives	1,000
State Senate or county office	250
House of Representatives	50

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to facilitate the nomination procedure when running for office by offering a fee system as an alternative to the cumbersome and often abused system of providing signatures. This method of nomination would apply to Democrats, Republicans and Independents.