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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 197

House of Representatives, February 3, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning Representation Proceedings under the State Employees
Labor Relations Act.**

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

26 MRSA § 979-F, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is amended to read:

D. No question concerning representation may be raised within one year of a certification or attempted certification. Where there is a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect, no question concerning unit or representation may be raised except ~~during the period not more than 90 nor less than 60 days between 210 and 180 days~~ prior to the expiration date of the agreement.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to move the period, during which the bargaining agent status of a union representing state employees may be challenged, from between 90 and 60 days prior to the expiration of the agreement to 210 and 180 days prior to the expiration of the agreement. With the large units that exist for most state employees, 60 days prior to the expiration of agreement would not provide enough time to conduct an election and allow the agent certified as a result of the election time to negotiate an agreement prior to the expiration of the old contract.