

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 409**

H. P. 318

House of Representatives, February 10, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

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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** Relating to Notification of Results of Election Contests by the  
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

21 MRSA § 1423, sub-§ 3, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. The commission shall provide copies of its findings of fact and opinion on election contests to all parties to the appeal of the election before the commission. In case of elections for Governor, the Legislature and federal offices, those findings of fact and opinion shall be provided to the parties at least 15 days prior to the convening of the body vested with final determination powers regarding that election. In all other cases, including primary elections and special elections, the commission shall complete consideration of its appeal and issue its findings of fact and opinion not later than 60 days after the date of the election in question, provided that the limitations in this section may be waived by agreement of the parties in cases involving statewide elections with 1,000 or more disputed ballots.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that parties in election contests before the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices receive copies of the findings of fact and opinion of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices sufficiently in advance of the time when those findings of fact and opinion shall be considered by the governmental body which shall make the final decision regarding the election.