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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 594

H. P. 479

House of Representatives, February 23, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland,, referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Cosponsor: Mr. Nelson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide that the Position on the Primary Election Ballot and on the General Election Ballot of the Names of Candidates for Major Offices shall be Determined by Lot.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, as amended by PL 1973, c. 414, § 30, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

However, the order of names, with their accompanying municipalities of residence, of the candidates for nomination to the offices of President and Vice President, United State Senator, Governor, Representative to Congress, State Senator and Representative to the Legislature shall be determined by lot, the drawing of these lots to be conducted by the Secretary of State or his designee.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 1, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 414, § 32, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

However, the order of names, with their accompanying municipalities of residence, of the nominees for the offices of President and Vice President, United States Senator, Governor, Representative to Congress, State Senator and Representative to the Legislature shall be determined by lot, the drawing of these lots to be conducted by the Secretary of State or his designee.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the order of the names on the primary election ballot and on the general election ballot of nominees for President and Vice President, United States Senator, Governor, Representative to Congress, State Senator and Representative to the Legislature shall be determined by lot.