

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 637

H. P. 519 House of Representatives, February 24, 1977
Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Quinn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish a Run-off Primary Election.

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

21 MRSA § 449-A is enacted to read:

§ 449-A. Run-off primary election

To weeks after the general primary election in any gubernatorial, U. S. Senate or U. S. Representative race where one candidate did not receive at least 50.01% of the votes, a run-off primary election shall be held between the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the candidate receiving the 2nd highest number of votes.

The election shall be governed by the same rules as those governing the first primary election.

In the case of a tie between the candidates receiving the 2nd and 3rd highest number of votes, all 3 candidates shall participate in the run-off primary election and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.

FISCAL NOTE

Enactment of this bill would cost \$100,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Enactment of this bill would enable a candidate in a widely contested primary election to be selected by a larger percentage of the voters.