

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 761

H. P. 620

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Pertaining to the Recount of Ballots in a Disputed Election.

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

21 MRSA § 1152, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 199, is further amended to read:

On the written application of a losing candidate in any election not later than 10 days after ~~the tabulation of the vote is submitted to the Governor~~ **the election**, the Secretary of State shall permit him or his counsel to recount the ballots under proper protective regulations, subject to the following provisions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that a losing candidate requesting the opportunity to recount the ballots must make his application within 10 days after the election rather than within 10 days after the tabulation of the vote is submitted to the Governor. The purpose is also to speed up the process of getting a recount in a disputed election underway. It will also assist in preventing a certificate of election issuing prior to a recount.