

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

No. 987

H. P. 814

House of Representatives, March 15, 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. Carter of Winslow.

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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 Concerning the Size of Squares on Election Ballots.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ F, as amended by PL 1973, c. 160, § 2, is further amended to read:

**F. Squares printed.** A square, measuring  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side, must be printed at the left and close to the name of each candidate or write-in space, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross (X) or a check mark (✓).

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, as amended by PL 1973, c. 160, § 6, is further amended to read:

**H. Squares printed.** A square, measuring  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side, must be printed at the left and close to the name of each nominee or write-in space, so that a voter may designate his choice clearly by a cross or a check mark in it.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that the square on an election or primary ballot in which a voter makes his cross or check measures  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side. The squares presently provided are too small to permit adequate marking and avoid mistakes.