

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 815

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. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

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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 Pertaining to Corrected Tabulation of Ballots in a Disputed  
Election.**

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

21 MRSA § 1152, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 200, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. **Dispute in ballot count.** If, upon recount, the tabulation is different from that on election day, the Secretary of State shall submit a corrected tabulation to the Governor, including the totals for such candidate and the number of disputed ballots, if any.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the necessity for the Secretary of State to determine that an actual mistake has occurred before a corrected tabulation can be submitted to the Governor. If a difference in tabulation arises, then the Secretary of State may dispose of the problem and submit a corrected tabulation to the Governor.