

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1464

H. P. 1239

House of Representatives, April 7, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Durgin of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require Independent Candidates to File Petitions on April 1st.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 492, sub-§ 9, 1st and 3rd sentences, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 761, § 21, are further amended to read:

A person who seeks nomination by petition must file a signed declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State by or before 5 p.m. on ~~April~~ **February** 1st of the election year in which such person will be a candidate.

Failure to file such declaration prior to 5 p.m. on ~~April~~ **February** 1st will result in that person's ineligibility to be a candidate for election to that office in that calendar year.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 492, sub-§ 10, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 544, § 66, is amended to read:

10. **Filing.** Persons seeking nomination by petition and having submitted a declaration of candidacy in accordance with subsection 9 must file petitions in the office of the Secretary of State prior to 5 p.m. on ~~the date of the primary election~~ **April 1st of the election year in which the person will be a candidate.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires candidates seeking nomination by petition to file in declaration of candidacy prior to 5 p.m. on February 1st of the election year and to file his petitions prior to 5 p.m. on April 1st of the election year.