

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1352

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

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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 Inspection of Nomination Petitions by Boards  
of Voter Registration.**

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

21 MRSA § 492, sub-§ 9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Checked by registrar. A nomination petition shall be submitted to the registrar of each municipality concerned before being filed. The registrar shall certify forthwith on the petition which signatures on it are those of voters of that municipality. Any signatures certified by a registrar pursuant to this subsection shall be presumed valid but may be challenged as provided in this chapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require that prior to filing, any nomination petition be checked by the registrar in the municipalities concerned and that the registrar certify which signatures on the petition are those of voters registered in that municipality. Certification of signatures by a registrar would make those signatures presumptively valid but any signature may still be challenged in the manner presently set out in the statutes.