

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 525**

H. P. 389

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning Notice Provisions for Penobscot Indian Tribal Elections.**

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

**22 MRSA § 4792, sub-§ 3, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 130, § 1, is amended to read:

The commissioner shall give notice of the time and place, ~~7~~ **14** days before the day of election, by posting notices thereof, one at his office and one or more others in conspicuous places on ~~Old Town~~ Indian Island.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The time allotted for notice of elections is insufficient to provide off-reservation tribal members time enough to make preparations to attend and vote at the reservation during tribal elections. This bill changes the minimum notification from 7 to 14 days of any tribal election. In addition, the bill strikes Old Town from Title 22, section 4792, subsection 3, first sentence because it is inappropriate and confusing.