

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 518

House of Representatives, February 20, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Payne of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require Each Primary Candidate to be a Resident of the District from
which he is Running Prior to the Primaries.**

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

21 MRSA § 443, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 425, § 1, is amended to read:

§ 443. Qualification for state and county office

A candidate for the office of Presidential Elector or for any **state or** county office must be a resident of and a voter in the electoral division he seeks to represent on the date established for filing primary petitions in the year he seeks election and must maintain this voting residence during his term of office.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The existing election laws do not include a definitive, unconfusing requirement that a candidate for state office be a resident of and a registered voter in the electoral division he seeks to represent on the date established for filing primary petitions in the year he seeks election. This bill would add the words, "state or" before the word "county" in Title 21, section 443.