

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 662

H. P. 519

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 Mr. Birt of E. Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Nomination Procedure for Nonparty Candidates.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 494, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 425, § 2, is amended to read:

5. Number of signatures required. Nomination petitions must be signed by the following numbers of voters:

A. For a slate of candidates for the office of Presidential Elector, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

B. For a candidate for the office of Governor, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

C. For a candidate for the office of United States Senator, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

D. For a candidate for the office of United States Representative, at least ~~1,000~~ **2,000** and not more than ~~1,500~~ **3,000** voters;

E. For a candidate for county office, at least ~~150~~ **300** and not more than ~~200~~ **400** voters;

F. For a candidate for the office of State Senator, at least ~~100~~ **200** and not more than ~~150~~ **300 voters**; and

G. For a candidate for the office of State Representative, at least ~~25~~ 50 and not more than ~~40~~ 80 voters.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that persons seeking nomination by petition be required to collect twice as many signatures on their nomination petitions as persons who are collecting signatures as candidates of a political party in a primary election.