

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 703

H. P. 556

House of Representatives, February 22, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. D. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Nomination Petitions for Municipal Office.

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

30 MRSA § 2061, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 761, § 62, is amended to read:

The nomination for any office shall be made by nomination papers signed by the following number of voters based on the population of the town according to the last Decennial Census of the United States: Not less than 3 nor more than 10 in towns of 200 or less population; not less than 10 nor more than 25 towns of 201 to 500; **and not less than 25 nor more than 75 100 in towns of 501 to 4,000 more than 500** ; ~~not less than 75 nor more than 125 in towns of 4,001 to 10,000, and not less than 100 nor more than 150 in towns of more than 10,000.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of signatures needed on a petition nomination for municipal office in municipalities with a population over 500. The bill would require no less than 25 nor more than 100 signatures thus reducing the size of nomination petitions and permitting more persons to qualify to run for office.