

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 994

H. P. 794

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowden of Brooklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for Publication of Specimen Ballots

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

21 MRSA § 704, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 496, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The Secretary of State shall publish a specimen ballot a reasonable time before the election in a newspaper having general circulation in the area to which the ballot pertains.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Enactment of this bill would require the Secretary of State to publish specimen ballots before an election as had been customary until 1977. These ballots gave voters an opportunity to study their choices at an election ahead of time and contributed to thoughtful voting.