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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
109TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. S-195)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT" "to H.P. 898, L.D. 1136, Bill,
"AN ACT to Improve Election Laws and to Make Equal Application
of Legal Requirements for Independents, Democrats and Republi-
cans in all Respects."

Amend the bill in section 2 by inserting at the end the
following new paragraph:

'Notwithstanding the provisions of section 494, if any
office is not contested, the deadline for filing a nomination
petition with the Secretary of State shall be 5 p.m. on the
date of - the primary election -----> in the election year
in which that person will be a candidate. Failure to file
the nomination petition prior to 5 p.m. on this date shall
result in that person's ineligibility to be a candidate for
election to that office in that calendar year.'

Statement of Facts

The bill provides an opportunity for candidates seeking
nomination by petition in an uncontested race to file
nomination petitions on primary dates rather than on April 1st.
The purpose is to provide greater opportunity for public participation in
elections by encouraging challenged rather than uncontested elections.

(Silverman)

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