

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1136

H. P. 898

House of Representatives, March 12, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Improve Election Laws and to Make Equal Application of Legal Requirements for Independents, Democrats and Republicans in all Respects.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 135, sub-§ 2 is enacted to read:

2. Candidates for nomination by nomination petition. Candidates for nomination by nomination petition shall withdraw their enrollment 3 months before the required date for filing of the nomination petition.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 493, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 425, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 493. Qualification of candidate for nomination by petition

A person who seeks nomination by petition shall become qualified by filing a nomination petition and consent as provided in sections 494 and 495. The person shall also withdraw his enrollment in a party, as provided in section 135, 3 months before the filing date for the nomination petition.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 494, sub-§ 9, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 425, § 2, is amended to read:

9. Filed with Secretary of State. The petition shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by or before 5 p.m. on ~~the date of the primary election in April 1st~~ of the election year in which it is to be used.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that persons who wish to file as candidates for nomination by nomination petition shall withdraw their enrollment in a party 3 months before the date for filing the nomination petition. It also changes the filing date to the same date on which candidates for election by primary petition shall file their petitions.