

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-929)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1641, L.D. 1750, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Revise the Administration of the Election  
Laws."

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause  
the following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§1, ¶I, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1975, c. 761, §9, is repealed and the  
following enacted in its place:

I. Certification that all information relating to the  
application to register is correct, sworn before a  
notary public or a justice of the peace; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§1, ¶K, as enacted by  
PL 1977, c. 496, §6, is amended to read:

K. Signature of applicant; and

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§1, ¶L is enacted to  
read:

L. The application shall include an application to  
enroll in a party.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
section 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4  
the following:

'Sec. 5. 21 MRSA §639, as enacted by PL 1973,  
c. 106, is amended to read:

§639. Municipal caucus

The At least 48 hours in advance of the caucus, the

registrar or board of registration shall designate the hours that the registrar or board of registration shall meet in session on the day of official party caucuses ~~on-hours so-designated-by-municipal-officials~~ to accept registrations and enrollments and all persons so registered and enrolled shall be allowed to participate in their party caucus.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. 21 MRSA §1033, as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, §12, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 7. 21 MRSA §1442-A, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 496, §35, is amended to read:  
The nomination process shall be in the same manner as provided by chapter 17, except all petitions shall be filed by 5 p.m. on the date ~~of~~ prescribed in the Governor's proclamation by which all political committees shall have met as provided in sections ~~§~~1471, 1473, 1474, 1501, 1502, 1531, 1532 and 1533.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

#### Statement of Fact

The amendment provides that applications to register persons to vote may include an application to enroll. The

amendment deletes section 3 of the bill since this amendment takes care of that problem addressed therein. Registrars and boards of registration shall designate 24 hours in advance of the caucus date the hours they will be in session on that date.

The amendment also deletes the requirement for bonding by a municipality for voting machines. ~~this~~ latter provision makes the law on voting machines consistent with voting devices. The latter was repealed in L.D. 1816. This amendment also will make the date for filing a nomination petition by independent candidates consistent with that for nomination by a party to fill a vacancy.