

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1452**

S. P. 522

In Senate, March 24, 1981

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

Cosponsors: Representative Kiesman of Fryeburg and Representative A. Nelson of New Sweden.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Increase the Number of Signatures Required to Initiate Rule-making Proceedings under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 8055, sub-§ 3, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 425, § 7, is amended to read:

Whenever a petition to adopt or modify a rule is submitted by ~~400~~ 500 or more persons registered voters of the State, the agency shall initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the petition.

**Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA § 8055, sub-§ 3, as amended by PL 1979, c. 425, § 7, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**The petition must be verified and certified in the same manner provided in Title 21, section 494, subsection 7, prior to its presentation to the agency.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that in order to initiate rule-making proceedings under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, a written petition, signed by 500 voters and certified by municipal registrars, must be presented to the agency.