

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (New Draft of H.P. 1537, L.D. 2022)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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8 H.P. 1784

House of Representatives, March 27, 1984

9 Reported by Representative Handy from the Committee on Election Laws  
10 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Hobbins of Saco.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
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13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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18 AN ACT to Allow State Party Committees  
19 to Establish the Time for Electing their  
20 Officers.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 21 MRSA §402, as amended by PL 1973, c. 100, is  
25 further amended to read:

26 §402. Committee functions

27 Committees elected at the convention are governed  
28 by the following provisions.

29 1. Committees to organize and report. The com-  
30 mittees elected at the convention shall organize  
31 within 30 days after the convention ~~by electing such~~  
32 ~~officers as prescribed in their bylaws.~~ The secretary  
33 of each committee shall advise the state committee of

1 the name and residence of its chairman and secretary  
2 within 10 days after ~~its organization~~ their election.

3 2. State committee to report organization. The  
4 chairman and the secretary of the state committee  
5 shall certify to the Secretary of State within 60  
6 days after the convention the platform adopted; ~~the~~  
7 ~~name and residence of the chairman and secretary of~~  
8 ~~each committee and of each committee member elected~~  
9 ~~at the convention;~~ and the names of the Presidential  
10 Electors. The chairman and the secretary of the state  
11 committee shall certify to the Secretary of State the  
12 name and residence of the chairman and secretary of  
13 each committee and of each committee member within 20  
14 days after their election.

15 3. Term of office and duties of committees. The  
16 committees and their officers shall hold office ~~until~~  
17 ~~the next state convention unless otherwise~~ prescribed  
18 in their bylaws, and shall perform the duties imposed  
19 upon them by the convention ~~at which they were chosen~~  
20 ~~and their bylaws.~~

21 4. Certain officers of state committee. The  
22 chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and finance chair-  
23 man may be chosen from outside its membership.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The purpose of this new draft is to apply the  
26 provisions of the original bill to the reporting of  
27 the names and addresses of committee chairmen, secre-  
28 taries and members to the Secretary of State. The  
29 bill removes the requirement that committee officers  
30 be elected within 30 days following the convention  
31 which may make it impossible to report their names  
32 and addresses to the secretary within 60 days. This  
33 new draft removes the requirement that the informa-  
34 tion be reported within 60 days of the convention and  
35 substitutes that it be reported within 20 days of  
36 their selection.

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