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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ARMSTRONG of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Change the Date for Statewide
Primary Elections.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §334, as enacted by PL 1985,
c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

§334. Qualification of candidate for primary nomina-
tion

A candidate for nomination by primary election
must file a primary petition and consent under sec-
tions 335 and 336. He must be enrolled, on or before
~~April 1st~~ June 1st, in the party named in the peti-
tion and must be eligible to file a petition as a
candidate for nomination by primary election under

1 section 144, subsection 3. The registrar in the can-
2 didate's municipality of residence must certify to
3 that fact upon the petition.

4 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§6, as enacted by PL
5 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

6 6. When signed. A petition may not be signed
7 before January 1st March 1st of the election year in
8 which it is to be used.

9 Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§8, as enacted by PL
10 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

11 8. When filed. A primary petition must be filed
12 in the office of the Secretary of State before 5 p.m.
13 on April 1st June 1st of the election year in which
14 it is to be used.

15 Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §339, as enacted by PL 1985,
16 c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

17 §339. Time and nature of election

18 The primary election shall be held on the ~~2nd~~
19 Tuesday of June 2nd Tuesday of September of each gen-
20 eral election year and is considered to be a separate
21 election for each party which takes part in it. This
22 includes the duties of public officials in announcing
23 the election, providing forms and ballots, keeping
24 records and any other matter necessary to effect the
25 purpose of a primary election. A primary election
26 shall be conducted the same as the general election,
27 as nearly as practicable, for each party.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this bill is to change the date
30 from the 2nd Tuesday in June to the 2nd Tuesday in
31 September for any statewide primary election.

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