

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 351

House of Representatives, February 27, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Election Laws.



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

3 21-A MRSA §374, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is
5 amended to read:

7 **§374. Certain nominees at any time**

9 If a person nominated for an office, other than United
11 States Senator, or Representative to Congress or Governor, at a
13 primary election or by a political committee dies, or withdraws
15 or becomes disqualified on or after September 1st preceding the
17 general election or less than 30 days prior to any other election
19 before the general election, the Governor shall issue a
proclamation under section 362. If a candidate withdraws or
becomes disqualified on or after September 1st preceding the
general election or less than 30 days prior to any other
election, a political committee may not designate a replacement
for the withdrawn or disqualified candidate.

21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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25 The purpose of this bill is to limit the circumstances under
27 which candidates who have withdrawn or become disqualified after
29 being nominated at a primary or by a political committee may be
31 replaced. The bill provides that candidates, other than those
for United States Senator and Representative, who withdraw or
become disqualified on or after September 1st, preceding the
general election, or on or after the 30th day preceding any other
election, may not be replaced by another candidate.