

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 618

H.P. 453

House of Representatives, March 6, 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 Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Allow Balloting by Political Party.

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

3 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §692, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

5 1-A. Straight ticket. If a voter wishes to vote a straight  
7 party ticket, the voter may place the mark in the party square or  
9 at the left or close to the name of each nominee of that party or  
11 both.

13 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §848, sub-§5 is enacted to read:**

15 5. Straight party ticket vote. The ballot labels shall  
17 include a voting square or position where the voter may by one  
19 mark or punch, record a straight party ticket vote for all the  
21 candidates of one party, except the offices that the voter votes  
23 for individual candidates.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to allow voters to vote a straight party ticket and directs the Secretary of State to amend the ballot labels to reflect that option.