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Presented by Representative McCORMICK of Rockport.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAWN of Knox, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Change the Date for Statewide Primary Elections.



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

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

7 **§334. Qualification of candidate for primary nomination**

9 A candidate for nomination by primary election must file a
11 primary petition and consent under sections 335 and 336. He The
13 candidate for nomination must be enrolled, on or before April-1st
15 June 1st, in the party named in the petition and must be eligible
to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary
election under section 144, subsection 3. The registrar in the
candidate's municipality of residence must certify to that fact
upon the petition.

17 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161,
19 §6, is amended to read:

21 **8. When filed.** A primary petition must be filed in the
23 office of the Secretary of State before 5 p.m. on April-1st June
1st of the election year in which it is to be used.

25 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §339**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is
27 amended to read:

29 **§339. Time and nature of election**

31 The primary election shall be held on the 2nd-Tuesday-of
33 June 2nd Tuesday in September of each general election year and
is considered to be a separate election for each party which
takes part in it. This includes the duties of public officials
in announcing the election, providing forms and ballots, keeping
records and any other matter necessary to effect the purpose of a
primary election. A primary election shall be conducted the same
as the general election, as nearly as practicable, for each party.

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41 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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