

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

---

Legislative Document

No. 1070

---

H.P. 766

House of Representatives, April 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 NADEAU of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLS of Bethel, Representative HOGLUND of Portland and Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

---

STATE OF MAINE

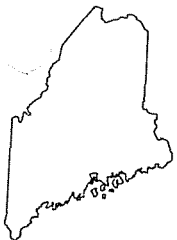
---

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

---

An Act Concerning Candidate Deadlines.

---



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5 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7 **§374. Replacement of other nominees**

9 **1. Withdrawal of nominees; Governor's proclamation.** Except  
11 as provided in subsection 2, if a person nominated for an office,  
13 other than United States Senator, Representative to Congress or  
Governor, at a primary election or by a political committee dies,  
withdraws or becomes disqualified before the general election,  
the Governor shall issue a proclamation under section 362.

15 **2. Limitations on replacement of withdrawn nominees.** If  
17 the Governor issues the proclamation provided for by section 362,  
a political committee may make a replacement nomination following  
19 a withdrawal only if the person nominated for an office other  
than United States Senator, Representative to Congress or  
Governor:

21 **A. Withdraws 90 or more days preceding the general**  
23 **election; or**

25 **B. Dies prior to the general election.**

27 **3. Deadline for replacement by political committee.** If a  
29 candidate withdraws or becomes disqualified 90 or more days  
preceding the general election, a political committee has 2 weeks  
31 from the date of withdrawal or disqualification to designate a  
replacement candidate.

33

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

35

37 The purpose of this bill is to limit the instances in which  
a party may replace a candidate who has withdrawn or becomes  
39 disqualified from the general election. Any replacement  
candidate must be substituted within 2 weeks after the withdrawal  
or disqualification of the candidate.