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In Senate, January 3, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Change the Date for Statewide Primary Election.



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

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

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

8 A candidate for nomination by primary election must file a primary petition and consent under sections 335 and 336. He ~~The~~ candidate for nomination must be enrolled, on or before ~~April~~ 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.

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

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

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

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

28 The primary election shall ~~must~~ be held on the 2nd Tuesday of ~~June~~ 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 ~~must~~ be conducted the same as the general election, as nearly as practicable, for each party.

40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 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.