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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

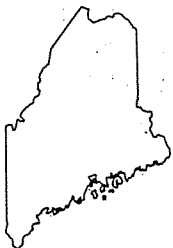
Presented by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford and Representative HASTINGS of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Establish September Primary Elections.



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

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

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

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

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

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21 6. When signed. A petition may not be signed before
22 January April 1st of the election year in which it is to be used.

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

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

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

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

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41 Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §340, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 423,
42 §3, is amended to read:

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45 1. Notice to Secretary of State. No later than February
46 May 1st of the election year, each political party eligible to
47 participate in a primary election shall notify the Secretary of
48 State of the enrollment qualifications, subject to the
49 restrictions in section 144, for voters eligible to vote in that
50 party's primary. If no notice is received by that date, only
51 voters enrolled in a political party may vote in that party's
52 primary.

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