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H.P. 471

House of Representatives, February 28, 1995

An Act Pertaining to the Signing of Petitions.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Representative: GREEN of Monmouth, Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§4, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1989, c.
5 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 A. The municipal clerk shall make nomination papers
7 available to prospective candidates during the 40 days
8 before the filing deadline. Before issuing nomination
9 papers, the clerk must complete each sheet by writing in the
10 name of the candidate and the title and term of office being
11 sought.

12 (1) Nomination papers must be signed by the following
13 number of voters based on the population of the town
14 according to the last Federal Decennial Census of the
15 United States:

16 (a) Not less than 3 nor more than 10 in towns
17 with a population of 200 or less;

18 (b) Not less than 10 nor more than 25 in towns
19 with a population of 201 to 500; and

20 (c) Not less than 25 nor more than 100 in towns
21 with a population of more than 500.

22 (2) Each voter who signs a nomination paper shall add
23 the voter's residence with the street and number, if
24 any. The voter may sign only as many nomination papers
25 for each office as there--are the voter chooses,
26 regardless of the number of vacancies to be filled. If
27 ~~a-voter-signs-more-nomination-papers-for-an-office-than~~
28 ~~there--are-vacancies--to--be--filled,--any--signatures--of~~
29 ~~that-voter-on-nomination-papers,--submitted--after--the~~
30 ~~clerk--has--received--a--number--of--nomination--papers~~
31 ~~bearing--that-voter's-signature-which-equals-the-number~~
32 ~~of-vacancies-to-be-filled,--are-not-valid.~~

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39 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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41 This bill allows voters to sign as many nomination petitions
42 as they choose, regardless of the number of vacancies to be
43 filled.
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