

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1091

S.P. 403

In Senate, March 30, 1995

**An Act to Increase the Number of Signatures Necessary for a Candidate
to be Listed on a Ballot.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CIANCHETTE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LORD of York, O'DEA of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, CLOUTIER of South Portland, DEXTER of Kingfield, GOULD of Greenville, JACQUES of Waterville, LOOK of Jonesboro, MORRISON of Bangor, PLOWMAN of Hampden, SIROIS of Caribou, STROUT of Corinth, VIGUE of Winslow.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1993, c. 334, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Number of signatures required. Petitions must be signed by the following numbers of voters:

A. For candidate for Governor, at least ~~2,000~~ 4,000 and not more than ~~3,000~~ 6,000 voters;

B. For a candidate for United States Senator, at least ~~2,000~~ 4,000 and not more than ~~3,000~~ 6,000 voters;

B-1. For a candidate for the office of President of the United States, at least ~~1,000~~ 2,000 and not more than ~~1,500~~ 3,000 voters;

C. For a candidate for Representative to Congress, at least ~~1,000~~ 2,000 and not more than ~~1,500~~ 3,000 voters;

D. For a candidate for county office other than county commissioner, at least 150 and not more than 200 voters;

E. For a candidate for county commissioner, at least 50 and not more than 75 voters;

F. For a candidate for State Senator, at least ~~100~~ 200 and not more than ~~150~~ 300 voters; and

G. For a candidate for State Representative, at least ~~25~~ 50 and not more than ~~40~~ 80 voters.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1991, c. 362, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

5. Number of signatures required. Nomination petitions must be signed by the following numbers of voters:

A. For a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector, at least ~~4,000~~ 8,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 12,000 voters;

B. For a candidate for Governor, at least ~~4,000~~ 8,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 12,000 voters;

C. For a candidate for United States Senator, at least ~~4,000~~ 8,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 12,000 voters;

- 2 D. For a candidate for United States Representative, at
least ~~2,000~~ 4,000 and not more than ~~3,000~~ 6,000 voters;
- 4 E. For a candidate for county office other than county
6 commissioner or county charter commission member, at least
300 and not more than 400 voters;
- 8 E-1. For a candidate for county commissioner, at least 100
and not more than 150 voters;
- 10 F. For a candidate for State Senator, at least ~~200~~ 400 and
12 not more than ~~300~~ 600 voters;
- 14 G. For a candidate for State Representative, at least 50
16 100 and not more than ~~80~~ 160 voters; and
- 18 H. For a candidate for county charter commission member,
at least 50 and not more than 80 voters.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill doubles the number of signatures required for a
candidate to get on the ballot in elections for federal,
gubernatorial and state legislative offices.