

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 772

In Senate, April 1, 1996

Resolve, to Validate the Reform Party Petition.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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 LAWRENCE of York.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the number of certified signatures required to be
filed in order to form a new party pursuant to the provisions of
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection
8 3, is 25,565; and

10 **Whereas,** on January 4, 1996, the Secretary of State
acknowledged 25,050 properly certified signatures submitted by
12 individuals intending to form the Reform Party; and

14 **Whereas,** the registrars in the municipalities of Bangor,
Brunswick, Portland, Old Town, Saco, Westbrook and Windham have
16 stipulated that there are at least 520 additional signatures that
should have been certified on December 14, 1995; and

18 **Whereas,** this legislation is immediately necessary to allow
20 the Reform Party to participate in the June 1996 primary
election, and in all other electoral activities available to
22 political parties during 1996 as long as the Reform Party
complies with the applicable laws; and

24 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
26 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
28 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

30 **Sec. 1. Requirements fulfilled. Resolved:** That the Reform Party
32 is deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 3; and be it further

34 **Sec. 2. Extension for conducting municipal caucuses. Resolved:**
36 That the deadline for the Reform Party for conducting the
municipal caucuses required pursuant to the Maine Revised
38 Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 4, is extended to
April 27, 1996; and be it further

40 **Sec. 3. Extension for filing notice. Resolved:** That the deadline
42 for the Reform Party for filing a copy of the notice required
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303,
44 subsection 4, is extended to May 10, 1996; and be it further

46 **Sec. 4. Extension for filing primary petition. Resolved:** That the
48 deadline for the Reform Party for filing a primary petition
required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A,
50 section 335, subsection 8, is extended to April 27, 1996; and be
it further

