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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 1317

H.P. 954

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Prohibit Party Change While in Public Office.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan. Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMSON of Jay, SHANNON of Lewiston, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

	be it enacted by the reopie of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §144, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
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	5. Party changes prohibited for public officials. A public
6	official may not change that official's party designation and
	membership during the time that official holds office except
8	during the final 30 days of that official's term of office.
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12	SUMMARY
14	This bill prohibits a public official from changing party membership while holding public office, except during the last 30
16	days.