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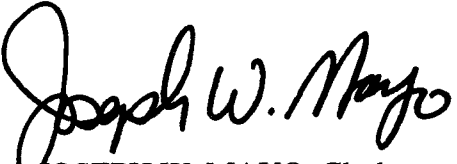
No. 1997

H.P. 1392

House of Representatives, March 23, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Election Laws to Prohibit Signing Nomination
Papers for More than the Number of Seats Available.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RINES of Wiscasset.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

6 **2. By whom signed.** A nomination petition may be signed
8 only by voters of the electoral division which that is to make
10 the nomination, except that nomination petitions for presidential
12 electors may be signed by any Maine voter. Other signatures are
14 void. For the offices referred to in subsection 5, paragraphs B, E, E-1, F, G and H, a voter may sign only as many nomination papers for each office as there are vacancies to be filled. If a voter signs more nomination papers for an office than there are vacancies to be filled, any signatures of that voter on nomination papers submitted after the registrar has received a number of nomination papers bearing that voter's signature equal to the number of vacancies to be filled are not valid.

18 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c.
20 102, §1, is further amended to read:

22 A. The municipal clerk shall make nomination papers
24 available to prospective candidates during the 40 days
26 before the filing deadline. Before issuing nomination
28 papers, the clerk must complete each sheet by writing in the
name of the candidate and the title and term of office being
sought.

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

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

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

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

(2) Each voter who signs a nomination paper shall add
the voter's residence with the street and number, if
any. The voter may sign only as many nomination papers
for each office as ~~the voter chooses, regardless of the~~
~~number of~~ there are vacancies to be filled. If a voter signs more nomination papers for an office than there are vacancies to be filled, any signatures of that voter on nomination papers submitted after the clerk

