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H. P. 1597

House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield.

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## S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Nominations of Independent Candidates.

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

**R. S., c. 7, § 32, amended.** Section 32 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 32. How nomination papers shall be signed; certificate by town clerk.** Nominations of candidates for any offices to be filled by the voters of the state at large may be made by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by not less than 1000 qualified voters of the state. ~~Nominations of candidates for electoral districts or divisions of the state, or for municipal or ward officers, may be made by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by qualified voters of such district or division not less in number than one for every one hundred persons who voted at the next preceding gubernatorial election in such district or division, but in no case less than twenty-five.~~ Nominations of candidates for electoral districts or divisions of the state or for municipal or ward officers, may be made by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by qualified voters of such districts or division not less in number than 5 for every 100 persons who voted at the next preceding gubernatorial election in such district or division, but in no case less than 25. The nomination of any candidate for any office, to be filled by

the voters of the state at large or for electoral districts or divisions of the state at the biennial election held on the 2nd Monday in September shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than 20 days nor less than 10 days prior to the 3rd Monday in June next preceding the election; the party designation upon such nomination papers, and upon the ballot, shall exclude the name of any political party which at the preceding election, cast the largest and next largest number of votes.

In the case of a first election to be held in a plantation, town, or ward newly established, the number of 25 shall be sufficient for the nomination of a candidate who is to be voted for only in such plantation, town, or ward; and in the case of a first election in a district or division newly established, other than a plantation, town, or ward, the number of 25 shall be sufficient. Each voter signing a nomination paper shall make his signature in person, and add to it his place of residence, and each voter may subscribe to 1 nomination for each office to be filled, and no more. The nomination papers shall before being filed, be respectively submitted to the clerks of the cities, towns, or plantations in which the signers purport to be qualified voters, and each clerk to whom the same is submitted shall forthwith certify thereon what number of the signatures are names of qualified voters both in the city, town, or plantation for which he is a clerk and in the district or division for which the nomination is made; 1 of the signers to each such separate paper shall swear to the truth thereof, and the certificate of such oath shall be annexed to or made upon the nomination papers.'