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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Optional Methods of Nominating Town Officials.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 90-A, § 37, amended.** Section 37 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding after the first paragraph, a new paragraph, as follows:

**'The provisions of this section relating to nomination of town officials by political caucus shall apply only when any town accepts such provisions at a meeting held at least 30 days before the annual meeting. If any town accepts such provisions, they shall remain effective until the town shall vote otherwise.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 90-A, § 37, sub-§ III, ¶ B, amended.** Paragraph B of subsection III of section 37 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

**'~~B. Nomination~~ All certificates of political caucus nominations shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the caucus. Such certificates and nomination papers shall specify the name of the candidate and the office for which he is nominated. They shall be filed with the clerk on or before the 14th day next prior to the day of election. With such nomination papers and certificates there shall also be filed the consent in writing of the persons proposed therein as candidates, agreeing to accept the nomination if nominated, not to withdraw, and, if elected at the municipal election, to qualify as such municipal officer. When filed, they shall be made available by the clerk to public inspection under proper protective regulations. The clerk shall keep them in his office for 6 months.'**

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 90-A, § 37, sub-§ III, ¶ C, amended.** The first sentence of paragraph C of subsection III of section 37 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows :

'A **certificate of political caucus nomination and a nomination paper** which conforms with this section is valid unless a written objection to it is made to the selectmen on or before the 12th day next prior to the day of election.'