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AS PASSED BY THE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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**One Hundred and Fifth Legislature**  
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## CHAPTER 579

**AN ACT to Clarify Party Enrollment Requirements for Filing Nomination Petitions Under the Election Laws and to Clarify the Amount of Money Spent by Candidates for the Legislature.**

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

Whereas, the present law by Title 21, section 444 of the Revised Statutes provides that all party enrollment certification under the election laws shall be done on April 1st; and

Whereas, registrars and boards of registration have taken the wording literally and have indicated that they feel obligated to wait until April 1st to make the certification; and

Whereas, this has created a chaotic condition state-wide especially in view of the fact that all nomination petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State by April 1st; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to resolve the confusion and uncertainty; and

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

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 444, amended.** The second sentence of section 444 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 89 of the public laws of 1971, is amended as follows:

He must be enrolled, on or before April 1st, in the party named in the petition.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 3 amended.** Subsection 3 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 207 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

**3. General election.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no candidate for political office in a general election shall dispense on behalf of such candidacy for advertising, as described in section 1575, an amount of money greater than the annual salary authorized for such office in any one year or 10¢ multiplied by the number of votes cast for all legally qualified candidates for such office at the last preceding general election for such office, whichever amount is the greater, except that no candidate for the Legislature shall expend an amount exceeding the annual salary for that office and except that a candidate for Governor and United States Senator shall be allowed to dispense twice the amount provided in this subsection.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 18, 1972

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## CHAPTER 580

### AN ACT Implementing the Reorganization of Department of Military, Civil Defense and Veterans' Services.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 37-A, additional. The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new Title 37-A, to read as follows:

#### TITLE 37-A

#### DEPARTMENT OF

#### MILITARY, CIVIL DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES

#### PART 1

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—ORGANIZATION

#### CHAPTER 1

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—ORGANIZATION

#### § 1. Department of Military, Civil Defense and Veterans' Services

1. Department; Military Bureau. There is created and established a Department of Military, Civil Defense and Veterans' Services, in this Title called the "department," to coordinate and improve the discharge of State Government's responsibility relating to the military, veterans, civil defense and public safety, to consist of the Adjutant General and the following as heretofore created and established: The military department including the office of the Adjutant General to be named the Military Bureau, the Department of Civil Defense and Public Safety to be named the Bureau of Civil Defense, and the Department of Veterans' Services to be named the Bureau of Veterans' Services.

The Adjutant General shall be the administrative head of the department and also the Director of the Military Bureau. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. He shall have the grade not to exceed that of Major General. The Adjutant General shall administer the department, subordinate only to the Governor and shall adopt such methods of administration not inconsistent with the law as he may determine necessary to render the department efficient. The Adjutant General is authorized to transfer personnel at his discretion from one bureau to another bureau within the department and is authorized to prepare a budget for the department.