

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

—
H.P. 520 - L.D. 769

An Act To Create Fairness in Political Party Enrollment Deadlines

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §144, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §16, is further amended to read:

3. Restrictions during change of enrollment. Except as provided in subsection 4, a voter may not vote at a caucus, convention or primary election for 15 days after filing an application to change enrollment. ~~A Notwithstanding subsection 4, a~~ voter must file an application to change enrollment prior to January 1st to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate in that election year.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §144, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

4. Change of residence. When a voter changes ~~his~~ residence from one municipality to another and establishes a new voting residence there, ~~he~~ that voter may enroll in any party and vote at a caucus, convention or primary election, ~~or file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election~~, regardless of ~~his~~ that voter's previous enrollment.