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## **An Act To Allow Members of the Maine National Guard To Run for Office in a Partisan Public Election**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7056-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 498, §6, is amended to read:

**4. Candidacy for elective office.** An officer or employee in the classified service or an employee from the executive branch in the unclassified service of this State, except for an officer or enlisted person in the Maine National Guard, may not be a candidate for elective office in a partisan public election other than for a local office. This subsection may not be construed as to ~~prohibit~~prohibiting an officer or employee of the State from being a candidate in an election if none of the candidates is nominated or elected at that election as representing a party whose candidates for presidential elector received votes in the last preceding election during which presidential electors were selected. Law enforcement officers continue to be subject to departmental rules regarding procedures on candidacy.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill exempts members of the Maine National Guard from the law prohibiting an unclassified employee of the executive branch from being a candidate for elective office in a partisan public election.