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House of Representatives, January 12, 2011

### **An Act To Establish a Uniform Deadline for Persons Qualifying as Candidates**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§7, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 264, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Petitions must be delivered to the registrar, or clerk at the request or upon the  
5 absence of the registrar, for certification by 5 p.m. on ~~May 25th~~ March 8th in the  
6 election year in which the petitions are to be used, except that petitions for a slate of  
7 candidates for the office of presidential elector must be delivered for certification by  
8 5 p.m. on August 8th in the election year in which the petitions are to be used.

9 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§8-A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 264, §2, is  
10 further amended to read:

11 **8-A. Filed with the Secretary of State.** A nomination petition must be filed in the  
12 office of the Secretary of State by 5 p.m. on ~~June 1st~~ March 15th in the election year in  
13 which it is to be used, except that petitions for a slate of candidates for the office of  
14 presidential elector must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by 5 p.m. on  
15 August 15th in the election year in which the petitions are to be used.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill makes the deadline for submission of signatures for a person to qualify as a  
18 candidate for election for candidates placed on the general election ballot by petition the  
19 same as for candidates placed on the ballot by primary election.