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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-133)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A "to S.P. 272, L.D. 842, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Form of Election Ballots to Omit the Secretary of State's Name under Certain Conditions."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §701, sub-§2, ¶G is amended to read:

- G. Printed on outside. On the front and back of the folded ballot must be printed "Official (name of political party) Primary Ballot for (name of voting place for which ballot was prepared)," the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of-the-Secretary-of-State-state seal.
  - Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §702, sub-§3 is amended to read:
- 3. Printed on outside. On the front and back of the folded ballot must be printed "Official Ballot for (name of voting district)," the date of the election; and a facsimile of the signature-of-the-Secretary-of-State-state seal.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the requirement that the Secretary of State's signature appear on the ballot and substitute a facsimile of the state seal to ensure the authenticity of the ballots.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.

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