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House of Representatives, April 24, 1979 The Committee on Election Laws suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Redefine the Term "Political Committee" Under the Election Laws.

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

21 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 24, is amended to read:

24. Political committee. "Political committee" means 2 or more persons associated for the purpose of promoting or defeating a candidate, party or principle, but does not mean a town or county delegation to a political convention.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The narrow definition of "political committee" prevents people who serve as registrars of members of boards of registration from attending their party's convention. Members of boards of registration are nominated by the city committees of each of the 2 major political parties; there is a presumption they might be sufficiently interested in their party to wish to attend the party convention as delegates.