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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 878, L.D. 2293, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 7th and 8th lines (page 1, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "another entity, including, but not limited to,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by inserting after the 2nd sentence (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) the following 2 new sentences: 'An independent panel consists of 3 members chosen by a majority vote of the municipal officers. A member of the independent panel may not be a municipal officer.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 2nd line from the end (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Superior Court" the following: 'or the independent panel'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 22 to 29 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with a review of disputed ballots can be absorbed by the Judicial Department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment specifies that an independent panel that may
8 be used to settle disputed or challenged ballots is made up of 3
members selected by a majority vote of the municipal officers and
that no member of the panel may be a municipal officer.