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An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and
Senators: HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives:
ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§5-C** is enacted to read:

3 **5-C. Opt-out for party primaries.** A political party may opt out from the provisions
4 of this section for the party's primary election and cause the primary election to be
5 determined by a plurality of votes cast in that election if the party's convention under
6 section 321 votes to opt out of applying a ranked-choice voting count for the party's primary
7 election and that determination is incorporated into the party's rules.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill allows a political party to opt out of ranked-choice voting for the party's
10 primary election if the determination to opt out is made by a vote of the party's convention
11 and incorporated into the party's rules.