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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 971, L.D. 1212,
Bill, "AN ACT to Create a Presidential and Vice-presidential
Primary Election."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'21 MRSA c. 18 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 18

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

§501. Purpose

The central purpose of this chapter is to provide Maine
citizens with an opportunity to hear presidential and vice-
presidential candidates address themselves directly to the
problems of Maine and also to allow Maine citizens to
express their preference in a primary election for a presidential
and vice-presidential candidate.

§502. Presidential primary petition

A presidential primary petition is governed by the
restrictions contained in ~~section 445~~ section 445, subsections
1 to 4 and 6 to 11.

§503. Presidential primary ballot

The Secretary of State shall cause to be placed on the
official ballot for use of presidential primaries, under
separate headings:

1. Names proposed by nomination papers. The names of
any candidates for nomination for President of the United
States and Vice president of the United States whose names

are proposed therefor by nomination papers prepared and furnished by the Secretary of State and signed in aggregate by a number of voters equal to at least 1% but not more than 2% of the total vote cast for Governor at the last gubernatorial election or equal to at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast at the last gubernatorial election by the party of the candidate, whichever is less.

2. Write-in space. A blank space in which the voter may, if he or she does not vote for any of the candidates whose names are printed on the ballot, insert the name of any person of his or her choice as a candidate for President or Vice president of the United States.

§504. Primary results

The results of a primary election indicating voters' preferences for a candidate for president or vice president shall only be advisory to Maine delegates to the national convention of a political party.

§505. Primary date

The presidential primary election will be held the 2nd Tuesday of June of each presidential election year.

§506. Rules and procedures

← Unless specifically stated in this chapter, the presidential primary shall be conducted in the same manner and according to the same rules and procedures as the primary elections for federal, state or county officers established by this Title.

Fiscal Note

It is expected that passage of this Act would require an expenditure by the State of \$30,000 every 4 years.'

Statement of Fact

The primary purposes of this Amendment are to provide the citizens of Maine with an opportunity to hear presidential and, if any, vice-presidential candidates address themselves to the problems of Maine and also to allow Maine citizens to express their preference in a primary election for a presidential or vice-presidential candidate.

The results of the presidential primary election will be only advisory to Maine delegates to national political conventions.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Election Laws.

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