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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-844)
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " I " S.P. 480, L.D. 1760, Bill, "AN ACT
to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 24 the following:

'Sec. 24-A. 21 MRSA §491, sub-§1, as last amended by
PL 1971, c. 263, is repealed and the following enacted in place
thereof:

1. Designation restricted. A person who seeks nomination
by petition may not use as his political designation the name
or combination thereof of an existing political party. No 2
candidates for the same office who seek nomination by petition
may utilize the same political designation. If 2 or more such
candidates file petitions bearing the same political designation,
the candidate who files his petitions first with the Secretary
of State shall have exclusive right to the use of that political
designation for that office for that election.

An exception to this subsection shall be that a candidate for
nomination by petition may use the word "none" as a political
designation.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is designed to prevent the use of a coat-tail effect by a candidate who is not a member of a party. It also minimizes confusion on the part of the voter in differentiating party affiliations.

Filed by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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