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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to 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'Sec. 24-A. 21 MRSA §1, sub-§21 is repealed and the
following enacted in place thereof:

21. Party. "Party" refers to a political organization
which polled at least 1% of the total vote for Governor or
President cast in the State at the last gubernatorial or
presidential election and which has organized to fulfill the
requirements for existing political parties as prescribed by
chapters 11 and 13.

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PL 1971, c. 263, is repealed and the following enacted in place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

1. Political designation restricted. A person who seeks
nomination by petition may not use as his political designation
the name or combination thereof of a political party or his own
name or combination thereof, nor may he use any political
designation which exceeds 3 words in length. 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. A candidate for nomination by petition may use the word "none" as a political designation.

Sec. 24-C. 21 MRSA §492, sub-§5, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 720, §2, is amended to read:

A nomination petition for a candidate for the House of Representatives must be signed by at least 25 75 and not more than 50 150 voters and, in a representative district entitled to 2 or more representatives, by a number of voters equal to at least 25 75 and not more than 50 150 multiplied by the number of representatives to which the district is entitled.

Sec. 24-D. 21 MRSA §1252, first ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

At least 3 months before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of dated absentee ballot applications. A reasonable time before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of absentee ballots and return envelopes.

Sec. 24-E. 21 MRSA §1253, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1975, c. 387, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. Applications available. On request, the clerk shall furnish a reasonable number of ballot applications to any person, provided that the date of the election for which such application shall be used is plainly printed on its face and that no application shall be furnished more than 3 months prior to the election for which such application shall be used.

Sec. 24-F. Effective date. Section 24-E of this Act shall take effect 91 days after the adjournment of the Legislature. Section 24-D and 24-E shall not apply to any elections held before January 1, 1976.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language of the bill and to make further necessary corrections in the election laws.

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