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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1697, L.D. 1931, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Election Laws."

Amend said Bill in section 11 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Upon receipt of such notification, the voter shall reply to the registrar within 60 30 days stating ~~his~~ the reasons why his or her name should not be removed from the voting list.'

Further amend said Bill in section 12 by striking out in the 5th line (4th line of L.D.) the word "Sir" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~Sir~~ Voter'

Further amend said Bill in section 13 by striking out in the first line after the amending clause the word "he" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'he the registrar'

Further amend said Bill in section 13 by inserting in the 4th line after the word "his" the underlined words 'or her' (3rd line of L.D.)

Further amend said Bill in section 17 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'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.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 17 the following:

'Sec. 17-A. 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.'

Further amend said Bill in section 26 by inserting in the 5th line after the amending clause after the word "he" the underlined words 'or she' (4th line of L.D.)

Further amend said Bill in section 26 by inserting in the 6th line after the amending clause after the word "he" the underlined words 'or she' (5th line of L.D.)

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 38 the following:

'Sec. 38-A. 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. 38-B. 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.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 40 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 40. 21 MRSA §1256, sub-§2, is amended to read:

2. Clerk to examine signatures and affidavit. He shall compare the signature of the voter on the application, where required, with that on the corresponding return envelope. He shall examine the affidavit on the return envelope. If the signatures appear to have been made by the same person and if the affidavit is properly completed, he shall write "OK" and his initials on the return envelope. Otherwise, he shall note any discrepancy on the return envelope. The clerk shall not open any return envelope.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 45 the following:

'Sec. 46. Effective date. Section 38-B of this Act shall take effect 91 days after the adjournment of the Legislature. Sections 38-A and 38-B 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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