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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 187, L.D. 249, Bill, "AN
ACT to Establish a Presidential Primary in the State of Maine."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of that part designated
"§471." and inserting in its place the following:

'§471. Date

The State of Maine shall hold a presidential primary election
on the first Tuesday in March during each year when a president
of the United States is elected.'

Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§475."
in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting
in its place the following:

'B. The petitions shall be filed at the office of the
Secretary of State in Augusta not later than 5 p.m. on the
60th day preceding the presidential primary election.'

Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§475."
in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs A, B and C
and inserting in their place the following:

'A. The ballots shall include the name of any person who is
a member of the political party and who has been certified
by the majority of the members of the state committee of
the party in question as being a presidential contestant
for the nomination.

B. Certification shall identify the contestants for the
nomination and shall be filed with the Secretary of State
at least 70 days prior to the date of the primary election.

The Secretary of State shall promptly notify those persons who will be placed on the ballot of a particular party in accordance with this subsection. With his notification, the Secretary of State shall also advise these persons of the steps which they may take if they do not wish their names to appear on the ballot.

C. Those persons whom the Secretary of State has notified may have their names withdrawn from the ballot by filing with the Secretary of State an affidavit by which the person designated swears under oath that the person requests that his name be omitted from the ballot.

In order to remove a person's name from the ballot, the affidavit shall be received by the Secretary of State at least 45 days prior to the date of the presidential primary election.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to delete references to the State of New Hampshire. The result of the deletion is to hold a Maine presidential primary on the first Tuesday in March, the same date as Massachusetts and Vermont held a presidential primary last year.

The amendment further asks the state party committees to

certify the names of presidential contestants to be listed on the ballot. In the original bill this task falls upon the Secretary of State. Contestants may continue to have their names placed on the ballot via petition if this amendment is adopted.

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