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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 747, L.D. 952, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide that Voter Registration Forms Include a Warning Concerning Knowingly Supplying False Information."

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

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §102, first ¶ is amended by adding at the end the following sentences:

The application form shall include, directly above the signature line, the following notice to the applicant: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$500 or by both."

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§1, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 761, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

In addition to the procedure provided by section 102, a person may register to vote by completing an application which shall be designed by the Secretary of State. The application

form shall include, directly above the signature line, the following notice to the applicant: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$500 or by both."

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that application forms for voter registration include a clear warning to the applicant that furnishing false information in the application may result in imprisonment of the applicant for up to one year or the imposition of a fine of up to \$500 or both.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Election Laws.

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