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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1028, L.D. 1246, Bill, "AN ACT to Change the Deadline for Change in Party Enrollment in Order to Qualify for Voting in a Primary Election."

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

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §134, sub-§§2 and 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 340, §§1 ^{and 2,} /are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

2. Party designation removed from voting list. On receipt of the application, the registrar shall remove the party designation beside the name of the applicant on the voting list and shall make notations on the voting list that the applicant is ineligible to vote at a caucus or primary election for a period of 30 days or to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election for a period of 90 days. At the expiration of 30 days from the date of receipt of the application by the registrar, the registrar shall enroll the applicant in the party requested.

3. Restrictions during change of enrollment. A voter may not vote at a caucus or primary election within 30 days after filing an application to change his enrollment, except as provided in subsection 4. A voter may not file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election within 90 days after filing an application to change his enrollment.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §135, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1971,

c. 3, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Limitation. A voter may not file a request to withdraw his enrollment for ~~3-months~~ 30 days after the date on which he enrolled.

Statement of Fact

This amendment permits a registered voter who has changed his enrollment from one party to another to vote at a primary election or municipal caucus 30 days after the change in enrollment, instead of the 90-day period now in the statutes and instead of the 14-day period in the original bill. The amendment keeps the restriction on filing as a candidate by primary election at 90 days, as in the present law.

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