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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1192)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "I" to S.P. 748, L.D. 2199, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 371. 21 MRSA §445, sub-§5, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 425, §1, is amended to read:

D. For a candidate for county office, at least ~~150~~ 100 and not more than ~~200~~ 150 voters;'

Statement of Fact

This amendment reduces the number of signatures required for a primary petition for county office from the present requirement of 150 to 200 to a new requirement of 100 to 150. County populations range from 16,000 to 192,000, with (seven) of 16 counties whose populations were listed in the Maine Register for 1977-78 having populations of under 30,000.

As the average state ~~senate~~ district has more people than any of these 7 counties, there is need to reduce the signature requirement for primary petitions for county offices to the same requirement as that for primary petitions for the ~~state~~ Senate. This amendment accomplishes that reduction.

Filed by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

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