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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-240)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 346, L.D. 445, Bill, "AN ACT to Extend Collective Bargaining Rights to Deputy Sheriffs."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §951, as/amended by PL 1977, c. 650, §4, ^{last} is further amended by inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

If an applicant believes he has been denied fair consideration for an appointment as deputy due to his political affiliation, he may request a hearing before the county personnel board or, if one has not been established, the county commissioners. The applicant may present witnesses in his behalf and question any county employee he deems important to his complaint. A record shall be kept of the proceedings and a written decision made by the board or commissioners. If an applicant is found by the county, or by the appropriate court to have been denied equal consideration due to his political affiliation, the position he sought shall be made vacant and the hiring process begun anew.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the prohibition against hiring deputy sheriffs due to their political affiliation.