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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-798)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1718, L.D. 1829, Bill,
"AN ACT Combining the Offices of Justice of the Peace and
Notary Public and to Establish their Appointment by the
Secretary of State."

Amend the Bill in section 12 by striking out all of the underlined
3rd paragraph from the end of that part designated "§82."
and inserting in its place the following:

'The Secretary of State shall adopt rules relating to
the appointment and renewal of commissions of notaries public.
The rules shall include criteria and a procedure to be applied
by the Secretary of State in appointment and renewal. The
Secretary of State may not refuse to appoint or renew solely
because the applicant lives or works in a specific geographic
area or because of political party affiliation.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section
53 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 53. Effective date. This Act shall become
effective on February 1, 1981.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to clarify language
relating to the Secretary of State's rule-making power and
to change the effective date from January 1, 1981 to
February 1, 1981.