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L.D. 1542

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1063, L.D. 1542,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Nomination Petitions for
Unenrolled Candidates."

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§2, as enacted by
PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

2. By whom signed. A nomination petition may be
signed only by the following voters of the electoral
division which is to make the nomination, except that
nomination petitions for presidential electors may be
signed by any Maine voter. Other signatures are void.

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, all nomi-
nation petitions may be signed only by unenrolled
voters of the electoral division which is to make
the nomination, except that nomination petitions
for presidential electors may be signed by any
unenrolled Maine voter.

B. Nomination petitions for county charter com-
mission may be signed by enrolled and unenrolled
voters of the electoral division which is to make
the nomination.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

5. Number of signatures required. Nomination pe-
titions must be signed by the following numbers of
voters:

A. For a slate of candidates for the office of

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- 1 presidential elector, at least ~~4,000~~ 2,000 and
2 not more than ~~6,000~~ 3,000 voters;
- 3 B. For a candidate for Governor, at least ~~4,000~~
4 2,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 3,000 voters;
- 5 C. For a candidate for United States Senator, at
6 least ~~4,000~~ 2,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 3,000
7 voters;
- 8 D. For a candidate for United States Representa-
9 tive, at least ~~2,000~~ 1,000 and not more than
10 ~~3,000~~ 1,500 voters;
- 11 E. For a candidate for county office, at least
12 ~~300~~ 150 and not more than ~~400~~ 200 voters;
- 13 F. For a candidate for State Senator, at least
14 ~~200~~ 100 and not more than ~~300~~ 150 voters;
- 15 G. For a candidate for State Representative, at
16 least ~~50~~ 25 and not more than ~~80~~ 40 voters; and
- 17 H. For a candidate for county charter commission
18 member, at least 50 and not more than 80 voters.
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20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This amendment clarifies that any voter in that
22 electoral division may sign a nomination petition for
23 a candidate for county charter commission. All other
24 nomination petitions covered by this subchapter may
25 be signed only by unenrolled voters. Only nonparty
26 candidates are covered by this subchapter; party can-
27 didates are governed by the previous subchapter. In
28 brief, nomination petitions for unenrolled candidates
29 and for presidential electors for unenrolled candi-
30 dates may be signed only by unenrolled candidates.

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1 This amendment also reduces the number of
2 signatures required for nonparty candidate nomination
3 petitions to be equal to the required signatures for
4 party candidates. This is done to remove the disad-
5 vantages unenrolled candidates would face if limited
6 to signatures of only unenrolled voters, but needing
7 to collect double that required of enrolled candi-
8 dates.

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