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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 269, L.D. 697, Bill, "An Act to Require Municipalities to Permit the Circulation of Petitions on Local Issues"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§903-A.", in the 3rd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "person who has attained the age of 18 years or older" and inserting in their place the following: 'registered voter'

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

'Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2504 is enacted to read:

§2504. Circulation of petitions for local initiative

No municipality may enact any charter provision or ordinance prohibiting the circulation of petitions for any local initiative. A petition related to any local initiative, including, without limitation, petitions filed under section 2522, section 2528, subsection 5, the Constitution of Maine, Part Third, Article IV, Section 21, or a municipal charter provision authorizing local initiatives, may be circulated as provided in Title 21-A, section 903-A.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a requirement that the circulator of a people's initiative petition must be a registered voter. The amendment also makes explicit the application of the bill to local initiatives on the municipal level. It prevents municipalities from prohibiting voters from circulating petitions

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1 to initiate a public vote on matters of local concern. This  
provides a uniform method of initiating local referenda by  
3 ensuring that voters in every municipality will be able to  
circulate such petitions.

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