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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Requiring the Governor to Proclaim a Vacancy When a Candidate for Nomination to Legislative Office Fails to Receive the Minimum Required Votes.



	•	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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4	1	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §363, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:
f	5	The meeting of a political committee as required by sections
`		371, <u>371-A</u> , 373, 374, 381, 382 and 393 is governed by the
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•	3	following provisions.
10)	Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §371-A is enacted to read:
12	2	§371-A. Failure to receive minimum votes in primary election
14	,	If all candidates for nomination to the office of State
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		Senator or Representative to the Legislature in any district fail
16	5	in a primary election to receive the minimum number of votes
-		required under section 723, subsection 1, the Secretary of State
18	3	shall notify the Governor, who shall issue a proclamation of
		vacancy in that district under section 362.
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22	2	STATEMENT OF FACT
24	1	The bill provides a mechanism for a political party to
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		choose a nominee for state legislative office when the candidate
26	5	for nomination fails in the primary election to receive the
		minimum number of votes required for nomination. Under current
28	3	law, a candidate for State Senator is required to receive at
	2.625.4	least 100 votes in the primary for nomination. A candidate for
3(State Representative is required to receive at least 25 votes in
	,	the primary.
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receive the minimum votes required, the bill requires the Governor to proclaim a vacancy and to order the appropriate political committee to meet to choose a nominee.

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