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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 970, L.D. 1411, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Number of Signatures Required for County Office Elections"

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, are amended to read:

D. For a candidate for county office other than county commissioner, at least 150 and not more than 200 voters;

E. For a candidate for county commissioner in any county with a population of 50,000 or less, at least 50 and not more than 75 voters;

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

E. For a candidate for county office other than county commissioner or county charter commission member, at least 300 and not more than 400 voters;

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§5, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. For a candidate for county commissioner, at least 100 and not more than 150 voters.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 The amendment achieves the intent of the bill by lowering  
the number of signatures required in county commissioner  
elections for both nomination by petition and by primary  
8 election. Under current law, a petition for primary election for  
the office of county commissioner in a county with a population  
10 of fewer than 50,000 must have between 50 and 75 signatures; a  
petition in a county with a greater population must have between  
12 150 and 200 signatures. The amendment requires 50 to 75  
signatures for all counties, regardless of population. The  
14 amendment also decreases the number of signatures required for  
nomination for the office of county commissioner by petition from  
16 300 to 100, which is double the number of signatures required for  
nomination by primary election.

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