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HOUSE AMENDMENT """ to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 820, 14 L.D. 2019, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §103, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 20 466, §2, is further amended to read:

22 1. Population of 5,000 or over. In a city or town that has a population of 5,000 or over, a board of registration consisting 24 of 3 members must be appointed as follows: One-member-nominated by--the The municipal committee of each of the major political 26 parties shall appoint one member, who must be enrolled in the party of the municipal committee that nominates the member, and 28 appointed-by the municipal officers shall appoint the persons nominated by the municipal committees, and the 3rd member must be 30 nominated by the clerk of the municipality and appointed by the municipal officers. The clerk of the municipality may give the 32 municipal committees of the political parties a list of qualifications necessary for a person to fulfill the duties of 34 the board of registration, and the municipal committees shall take those qualifications into consideration when nominating 36 members to the board. The 2 members of the board nominated by the municipal committees of the major political parties may be 38 members of the political committee nominating them and of the county or state committees of the political party that nominates 40 them and may be members of a state or county delegation to a political convention. When a municipal committee nominates a 42 member to the board of registration, it shall also nominate an alternate board member, who shall serve if the member nominated 44 by the municipal committee is or becomes unable to serve.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT """ to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 820, L.D. 2019

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §103, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 466, 2 §3, is amended to read:

8. Removal from office. A member of the board may be removed from office at any time during the member's term by the appointing authority if the appropriate nominating authority nominates a replacement. The replacement nominee shall serve out the remainder of the replaced member's term.'

10 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The amendment clarifies that the municipal officers must appoint the person nominated for membership on the board of voter 18 registration by the municipal committee of the political parties. It also permits the municipal clerk to give the 20 municipal committees of the political parties a list of qualifications that a person should meet to fill the positions on the board of voter registration, which the municipal committee 22 must take into consideration when making a nomination. Finally, 24 the amendment clarifies that the appointing authority may remove a member from the board. 26

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