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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 21, "Joint Order Adopting the 115th Joint Rules"

Amend the Joint Order in Joint Rule 13 by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

Membership. Each of these committees shall consist of no more than 3 on the part of the Senate and no more than 10 on the part of the House. The committees shall meet to elect chairs on the first day that the Legislature meets in January. The first-named Senate member shall call the Senate members to order to ballot for Senate chair. The first-named House member shall call the House members to order to ballot for House chair. In the event that no Senate member receives a majority of votes cast on the first ballot, the first-named Senate member shall serve as chair. In the event that no House member receives a majority on the first ballot, the name of the member receiving the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn and balloting shall recommence. This process shall be repeated as necessary until one House member receives a majority of the votes cast. The Senate chair shall preside and in the Senate chair's absence the House chair shall preside and, thereafter, as the need may arise, the chair shall alternate between the members from each house in the order of their appointment to the committee.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment proposes changes in the manner of selecting committee chairs. Under this amendment, committee Senate members on a committee will vote for the Senate chair and House members on a committee will vote for the House chair.

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