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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 552, L.D. 748, Bill, "An Act Related to Third Parties"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, are amended to read:

C. Its candidate for Governor or for President polled at least 5% 8% of the total vote cast in the State for Governor or President in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election; and

D. Each state party committee must shall file a statement with the Secretary of State on or before April 4th certifying that the party has held the municipal caucuses required by paragraph A. The statement must be signed by the party chairman chair or his the chair's designated agent.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §302, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

B. The name of a candidate for Governor or for President in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election

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who was nominated by petition under subchapter II and who received 5% 8% or more of the total vote cast in the State for Governor or for President in that election;

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§304." in the first paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "301-A," and inserting in its place the following: '301, subsection 3, paragraph A, section'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

#### FISCAL NOTE

The Secretary of State will require future General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 1995-96 to cover the additional costs for primaries and general elections when 3rd parties qualify. The amount of additional appropriations will depend on the number of districts that will have additional parties at primaries, which cannot be determined at this time.'

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment changes from 5% to 8% the total votes that must be received in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election in order for a political party to qualify to participate in a primary election.

The amendment makes a technical correction.

The amendment is the minority report and also adds a fiscal note to the bill.