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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1064, L.D. 1432, Bill, "An Act to Allow Political Parties to Determine the Method of Nominating Candidates"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 3.

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "§331." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Nomination by primary election, caucus or convention.
A major party's nomination of a candidate for any federal, state or county office shall must be made by primary election, as provided in this Article. A minor party's nomination of a candidate must be by primary election, caucus or convention as provided in this Article.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "§331." by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'4. Party choice for nominating forum. A minor party may choose the method of nominating a candidate, choosing among primaries, caucuses or convention by notifying the Secretary of State of the choice by December 15th prior to an election year. A minor party must choose the same method for nominating all candidates for the same class of office.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

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2 'Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §336, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

4 The written consent of each candidate must be filed with his
6 that candidate's primary petition, or in the case of a minority
party candidate who is selected by caucus or convention, the
written consent must be filed without a petition.

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10 Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §336, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

12 1. **Consent.** The consent must contain a statement signed by
14 the candidate that he the candidate will accept the nomination of
the primary election or the nomination of the caucus or
16 convention. The statement may be printed filed as a part of the
primary petition.'

18 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
20 "§339." in the first paragraph by inserting at the end the
following: 'A minor party shall notify the Secretary of State of
the party's nominees within 10 days after the party's primary,
22 caucus or convention.'

24 Further amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 1 in the
2nd line (page 3, line 41 in L.D) by striking out the following:
26 "6 weeks before the 2nd Tuesday of June" and inserting in its
place the following: 'ex-~~the~~ December 15th prior to an election
28 year'

30 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 14.

32 Further amend the bill in section 15 in that part designated
34 "§372." in the first paragraph in the last line (page 5, line 22
in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "election" the
following: ', caucus or convention'

36 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 19,
38 22, 23, 24 and 25.

40 Further amend the bill be renumbering the sections to read
consecutively.

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 The amendment clarifies how and when minor political parties
may choose their method of nominating candidates.

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2 Minor parties may nominate candidates by primary and must
follow the current procedure for primary nominations. However,
minor parties may nominate by caucus or convention instead.

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6 A minor party candidate nominated by caucus or convention
need not file a petition but must file a declaration of consent.

8 A minor party must notify the Secretary of State as to who
10 its nominees are within 10 days after the party's primary, caucus
or convention.

12 All parties must notify the Secretary of State no later than
14 December 15th prior to an election year of the enrollment
qualifications of voters eligible to vote in that party's
primary, caucus or convention.

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