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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 403, L.D. 1091, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Number of Signatures Necessary for a Candidate to be Listed on a Ballot"

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1995, c. 154, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Number of signatures required. Petitions must be signed by the following numbers of voters:

A. For candidate for Governor, at least ~~2,000~~ 4,000 and not more than ~~3,000~~ 6,000 voters;

B. For a candidate for United States Senator, at least ~~2,000~~ 4,000 and not more than ~~3,000~~ 6,000 voters;

C. For a candidate for Representative to Congress, at least ~~1,000~~ 2,000 and not more than ~~1,500~~ 3,000 voters;

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, at least 50 and not more than 75 voters;

F. For a candidate for State Senator, at least ~~100~~ 200 and not more than ~~150~~ 300 voters; and

ADD

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 403, L.D. 1091

2 G. For a candidate for State Representative, at least ~~25~~ 50
and not more than 40 80 voters.

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

8 2. **By whom signed.** A nomination petition may be signed
only by voters of the electoral division ~~which~~ that is to make
10 the nomination, except that nomination petitions for presidential
electors may be signed by any Maine voter. Other signatures are
12 void. For federal congressional, state legislative and
gubernatorial elections, only the signatures of unenrolled voters
14 of the electoral division that makes the nomination are valid.'

16 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the
following:

18 **'Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
20 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 1995-96

24 **SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

26 **Elections and Commissions**

28	Personal Services	\$1,186
	All Other	1,170

30 Provides funds for
32 anticipated overtime costs
necessary to review
34 additional petitions for
additional printing costs.

36	DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE	
38	TOTAL	\$2,356'

40 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
42 consecutively.

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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1995-96

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$2,356

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The Department of the Secretary of State will require a General Fund appropriation of \$2,356 in fiscal year 1995-96 for anticipated overtime costs necessary to review the additional signatures on each petition and for the printing costs of additional petition forms.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment requires that when a candidate for federal congressional, state legislative or gubernatorial office seeks the nomination by petition, outside the primary process, the signers of the petition must be unenrolled voters. Currently the signature of any registered voter in the appropriate electoral division is valid. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill. The amendment also strikes language that was repealed by Public Law 1995, chapter 154, section 1.

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