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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1203, L.D. 1653, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the bill by adding after section 14 the following:

'Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §737-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 473, §31 and affected by §46, is amended to read:

5. Persons prohibited from working at recount.
Confidential state employees, employees of the Legislature, persons who, at the time of the recount, are charged with or have been convicted of violating state election laws, candidates and elected state officials may not participate in ballot recounts in any capacity. This subsection does not prohibit employees within the Department of the Secretary of State, election officials and staff of the Department of the Attorney General and the Judicial Department from performing their duties with respect to a recount.'

Further amend the bill by adding after section 16 the following:

'Sec. 17. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Persons prohibited from handling absentee ballots.
Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who, at the time of the counting procedure, is charged with or has been convicted of violating state election laws is prohibited from handling absentee ballots.'

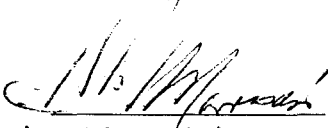
Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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This amendment prohibits persons who are currently charged with or have been convicted of violating state election laws from handling absentee ballots or participating in recount activities.

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