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HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 64, L.D. 89, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Gathering of Signatures at a Polling Place"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and 20 inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §662, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §57, is further amended to read:

Collection of signatures. The warden may select and 4. designate a specific location at the voting place, accessible and 26 observable by the voters, where the collection of signatures may take place, except that in accordance with section 682, 28 subsection 4, signatures may not be collected inside the room in which ballots are cast at an election. Persons collecting 30 signatures at the polls may make arrangements with the clerk 32 prior to election day and with the warden on election day. The warden may limit the number of persons collecting signatures to 34 one for each specific question, candidate or issue. Persons collecting signatures may not solicit a voter's signature until the voter has completed voting. The warden may direct the 36 removal, under subsection 2, paragraph A, of any person collecting signatures who does not comply with the requirements 38 of this subsection.'

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

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'Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in the 4th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "building that serves as a polling place" and inserting in its place the following: 'room in which ballots are cast at an election'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in the 8 last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the polling place" and inserting in its place the 10 following: 'any room in which ballots are cast at an election' '

SUMMARY

This amendment restricts the collection of signatures and 16 the taking of surveys in the actual room in which ballots are cast at an election, rather than the building that serves as a 18 polling place.

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