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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 428, L.D. 1376, Bill, "An Act to Improve the State's Democracy by Increasing Access to the Ballot and Other Election Processes"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first 3 indented paragraphs after the title and inserting in their place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

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

A party whose designation was not listed on the general election ballot in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election qualifies to participate in a primary election, if it meets the requirements of subsections 1, and 2 and-3.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 (page 2, line 5 in amendment) the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 3 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~gubernatorial-or-presidential~~ general" and inserting in its place the following: 'gubernatorial or presidential' '

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment removes the potential future election costs in the bill. The bill, as amended by this amendment, will have no fiscal impact.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 428, L.D.
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SUMMARY

This amendment retains the requirement that the candidate of a political party for Governor or for President poll at least 5% of the total vote cast in the State for Governor or President in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election in order for that party to qualify to participate in a primary election.

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