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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7, 8 and 10 (page 3, lines 21 to 38 and page 4, lines 4 to 14 in L.D.)

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

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of the Secretary of State may incur future election costs if additional political parties qualify as a result of the changes to the qualifying standards. The amounts can not be determined at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, the minority committee amendment, deletes the sections of the bill that prohibit political parties from using the word "independent" by itself as the name of the party and reserving that word to designate unenrolled voters. It also removes the provision allowing municipal officers to appoint unenrolled voters as election clerks.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT