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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to S.P. 308, L.D. 1055, Bill, "An Act to Regulate Push Polling"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1001, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Contracted telephone call. "Contracted telephone call" means a telephone call for which a candidate's campaign makes payment to an entity that makes the call on behalf of the candidate.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in paragraph A by striking out the first 3 lines (page 1, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'A. "Push poll" means any series of more than 350 contracted telephone calls for a candidate for the State House of Representatives, 750 contracted telephone calls for a candidate for State Senate or 2,000 contracted telephone calls for a candidate for a statewide office that are commenced within 17 days of an election and that interview voters and are designed to influence a voter's decision with a series of questions that:'

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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This amendment amends the definition of "push poll" to apply only to series of contracted telephone calls that are commenced within 17 days prior to an election. This amendment also specifies the number of telephone calls that must be placed in order to come under the definition of "push polling."

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