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**An Act To Provide the Option To Nominate Presidential Candidates
by Caucus**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161,
§6, is amended to read:

6 **6. Caucus.** "Caucus" means a meeting of a political party
or committee for the purpose of transacting business of the
8 party, or committee including, but not limited to, the nomination
of candidates.

10 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §331, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161,
12 §6, is amended to read:

14 **2. Exceptions.** This Article does not apply to:

16 A. Nominations for presidential electors;

18 B. Nominations to fill vacancies under subchapter III 3; and

20 C. Nominations by petition under subchapter II, 2; and

22 D. Nominations by caucus under subchapter 1, article 5.

24 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA c. 5, sub-c. 1, art. 5** is enacted to read:

26 **Article 5**

28 **NOMINATION BY CAUCUS**

30 **§341. Nomination of presidential candidate by caucus**

32 A party may nominate a candidate for President of the United
States by caucus, as defined in section 1, subsection 6.

34 **§342. Notification of Secretary of State**

36 A party shall notify the Secretary of State of the decision
38 to nominate a candidate for President of the United States by
caucus no later than December 1st of the year preceding the
40 presidential election year. The party shall notify the Secretary
42 of State of the party's nomination for President of the United
States by caucus no later than June 1st of the presidential
44 election year.

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This bill allows political parties to nominate candidates
for President of the United States by caucus rather than by
50 primary election. The bill sets forth the deadlines by which

2 parties must notify the Secretary of State of the decision to
nominate by caucus and of the party's nomination for President
when using the caucus method.

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