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House of Representatives, January 20, 2005

An Act Concerning Recognition of Qualified Political Parties

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1999, c.
5 450, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 C. Either:

7 (1) Its candidate for Governor or for President polled
8 at least 5% of the total vote cast in the State for
9 Governor or President in either of the 2 preceding
10 general elections; or

11 (2) The party has maintained enrollment of members
12 equal to or greater than 0.5% of all registered voters
13 in the State according to the most current tabulation
14 of registered voters performed by the Secretary of
15 State.

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19 **SUMMARY**

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21 This bill allows a recognized political party to maintain
22 its qualified status by either receiving 5% of the ballots cast
23 for Governor or President in either of the 2 preceding general
24 elections or maintaining an enrollment of members equal to 0.5%
25 of all registered voters in the State.
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