

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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No. 428

H.P. 313

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

An Act To Require a Nonpartisan Legislature

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREELEY of Levant.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to establish a nonpartisan legislature by
12 prohibiting a candidate for the Legislature from running as a
14 member of a political party or having a party affiliation listed
on the ballot. Primaries would still be held and the 2
candidates with the highest vote totals from each Senate or House
district would run against each other in the general election.

16 The prohibition would be phased in over an 8-year period by
18 applying it to candidates for the 123rd through 126th
Legislatures who are not members of the 122nd Legislature.