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House of Representatives, February 10, 2005

**An Act To Restrict a Nominated Political Candidate in an Election
from Changing Political Parties during the Elected Term**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish, Senator NASS of York and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FLOOD of Winthrop, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick,
JACKSON of Fort Kent, McLEOD of Lee, MILLETT of Waterford, SAVIELLO of Wilton,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §377** is enacted to read:

6 **§377. Switching parties**

8 A candidate nominated by a party in a partisan election may not switch parties during the elected term.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill prohibits a candidate nominated by a party in a
14 contested election from switching political parties before the
16 election.