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House of Representatives, March 17, 2009

An Act To Alter the Mechanism by which a Political Party is a Qualified Party

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, Speaker PINGREE of North
Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 450, §1, is
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

5 E. At least 10,000 voters enrolled in the party voted in the last general election.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill eliminates the requirement that for a political party to participate in a
8 primary election it must poll at least 5% of the total vote cast for Governor or President in
9 either of the last 2 general elections and adds a new requirement that at least 10,000
10 members of the party must have voted in the last general election in order for the party to
11 participate in a primary election.