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House of Representatives, January 6, 2011

An Act To Require Candidates for Public Office To Provide Proof of Citizenship

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HARVELL of Farmington, LIBBY of
Waterboro, McKANE of Newcastle, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SARTY of Denmark, SIROCKI
of Scarborough, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §334**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §16, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§334. Qualification of candidate for primary nomination**

5 A candidate for nomination by primary election must file a primary petition and
6 consent under sections 335 and 336. The candidate must be enrolled, on or before March
7 15th, in the party named in the petition and must be eligible to file a petition as a
8 candidate for nomination by primary election under section 144, subsection 3. The
9 registrar in the candidate's municipality of residence must certify to that fact on a form
10 designed by the Secretary of State. A candidate for nomination by primary election shall
11 show proof of United States citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the candidate's
12 birth certificate and the candidate's driver's license or other government-issued
13 identification to the Secretary of State.

14 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §353**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §19, is further
15 amended to read:

16 **§353. Qualification of candidate for nomination by petition**

17 A person who seeks nomination by petition qualifies by filing a nomination petition
18 and consent as provided in sections 354 and 355. If enrolled, the person must also
19 withdraw enrollment in a party on or before March 1st to be eligible to file a petition as a
20 candidate in that election year, as provided in section 145. The registrar in the candidate's
21 municipality of residence must certify to that fact on a form designed by the Secretary of
22 State. A person who seeks nomination by petition shall show proof of United States
23 citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the candidate's birth certificate and the
24 candidate's driver's license or other government-issued identification to the Secretary of
25 State.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires candidates for public office to show proof of United States
28 citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the candidate's birth certificate and the
29 candidate's driver's license or other form of government-issued identification to the
30 Secretary of State.