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No. 545

H.P. 428

House of Representatives, February 15, 2011

An Act To Improve Ballot Access for Gubernatorial Candidates

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAMON of Bangor, JOHNSON of Eddington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:
4 5 6	A. For <u>a</u> candidate for Governor, at least 2,000 <u>or 2% of the total number of members enrolled in the candidate's party according to the most recent tabulation by the Secretary of State, whichever is less, and not more than 3,000 voters;</u>
7	SUMMARY
8 9 10	This bill provides that a candidate for Governor may satisfy the primary petition requirements by acquiring the signatures of 2% of the total number of members enrolled in the candidate's political party.