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4               **STATE OF MAINE**

5          **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

6             **125TH LEGISLATURE**

7             **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

8       HOUSE AMENDMENT " *H* " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1087,
9    L.D. 1478, Bill, "An Act To Fully Enfranchise Voters"

10       Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines
11    14 to 21 in amendment) and inserting the following:

12       '**5. Caucus.** <u>Following the proclamation of the Governor pursuant to section 382, a</u>
13    <u>municipality that has not held a biennial caucus has 30 days to hold a caucus to nominate</u>
14    <u>or elect a person to fill a vacancy under section 382.</u>'

15       Amend the amendment by adding after section 1 the following:

16       '**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §382, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §57, is
17    further amended to read:

18       **1. Nominees chosen.** The Governor shall order the appropriate political committees
19    to meet and shall set the deadline for choosing nominees, <u>which may not be less than 30</u>
20    <u>days following the Governor's proclamation declaring a vacancy</u>. The committees shall
21    follow the procedure outlined in section 363.'

22                 **SUMMARY**

23       This amendment allows a municipality that has not held a biennial caucus, following
24    the proclamation of the Governor declaring a vacancy in the House of Representatives for
25    that municipality, to hold a caucus within 30 days of the Governor's proclamation to
26    choose a nominee to fill the vacancy. This amendment also specifies that the Governor
27    must allow the political committee at least 30 days to choose a nominee for the vacant
28    seat.

29    **SPONSORED BY:** _____

30       **(Representative TURNER)**

31          **TOWN: Burlington**

# HOUSE AMENDMENT