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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §363, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Voting; caucus requirement. A meeting held to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382 in a legislative district with 10 or more municipalities may not limit who votes on the nomination or election of a person to fill the vacancy to the party delegates but must permit any person enrolled in the party within the legislative district to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. The failure of a municipality in a district with 10 or more municipalities to hold a biennial caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in and voting at a meeting to nominate or elect a person to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that when a political committee holds a meeting to fill a vacancy for a candidacy or seat for a State Senator or Representative in a legislative district containing 10 or more municipalities, the political committee must permit anyone enrolled in the party to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. It also provides that the failure of a municipality in that district to hold a biennial municipal caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in or voting at the meeting to fill a vacancy.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT