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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 652, L.D. 878, Bill, "An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§8, ¶B, as amended by PL 2009, c. 286, §5, is further amended to read:

B. For State Senate or State House of Representatives participating candidates, the qualifying period begins January 1st of the election year and ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 20th of that election year or the next business day following April 20th if the office of the commission is closed on April 20th unless the candidate is unenrolled, in which case the period ends at 5:00 p.m. on June 1st of the election year or the next business day following June 1st if the office of the commission is closed on June 1st.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the 9th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "April June" and inserting the following: 'April'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the change in the bill of the date on which a gubernatorial candidate who is not enrolled in a party must file to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act.

The amendment retains the portion of the bill that changes from April 1st to June 1st the date on which a state legislative candidate who is not enrolled in a party must file to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 878

LR 1257(02)

An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would change the date that state legislative candidates who are not enrolled in a political party must file to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) from April 1st to June 1st. Any additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices as a result of this change are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed with existing budgeted resources. Based on historical participation rates in the MCEA the change in dates will not have an impact on unenrolled candidates future participation rates.