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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 328

In Senate, February 21, 2023

An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter
Harbor, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Guilford.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1,</b> ¶ <b>E,</b> as amended by PL 2021, c. 335, §1, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7 8 9	E. The party's candidate for Governor or for President received at least 5% of the total votes cast in the State for Governor or for President in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election or at least 10,000 5,000 voters were enrolled in the party as of the last general election, except that a qualified party does not have to meet the requirements of this paragraph until the 2nd general election after it has qualified and thereafter.
10	SUMMARY
11 12	This bill reduces from 10,000 to 5,000 the minimum number of voters required to be enrolled in a party for the party to qualify to participate in an election.