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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

### **LD 1061 An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek To Retain Qualified Party Status**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 335 changes the requirements for a qualified political party to retain its qualified status. Under current law, a party retains its qualified status if, beginning with the second general election after the party qualifies, at least 10,000 voters who are enrolled in the party voted in the most recent general election. Under Public Law 2021, chapter 335, a party retains its qualified status if, beginning with the second general election after the party qualifies, either 10,000 voters were enrolled in the party on the date of the most recent general election or the party's gubernatorial or presidential candidate received at least 5% of the total votes cast in the State in the most recent gubernatorial or presidential election.

### **LD 1111 An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 238 amends certain laws governing the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes. It amends the composition of the board. It requires the board to submit a list of nominees for appointment to the board to the Governor for the Governor's consideration. It requires the board to request certain organizations and individuals to submit to the board names of suggested nominees. It limits board members to serving three full terms. It changes the number of annual meetings from six to four. It requires the board to elect a vice-chair and treasurer, in addition to a chair and secretary. It removes a requirement that the chief executive officer be an honorably discharged veteran. It repeals a provision in law related to renovations undertaken by the Maine Veterans' Homes Augusta nursing facility.

### **LD 1126 An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 439 requires the Department of the Secretary of State to create a process for accepting online voter registration applications through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website beginning November 1, 2023. The process must require that an individual submitting an online voter registration application disclose a current, valid Maine driver's license or nondriver identification card number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. The Secretary of State must establish a process for using this information as well as the applicant's name and date of birth to verify the identity of each online voter registration applicant. An applicant who submits a driver's license or nondriver identification card number with the applicant's online voter registration must consent to use of an electronic image of the signature on the applicant's driver's license or nondriver identification card as the applicant's voter registration

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