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### An Act Regarding Write-in Candidates in Municipal and City Elections

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILL of Cape Elizabeth.  
Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, HASKELL of Portland, KRUGER of Thomaston,  
MORRISON of South Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

3 **11. Write-in candidates.** To be considered a declared write-in candidate under this  
4 section, a person must file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the municipal clerk,  
5 on a form approved by the municipal clerk, on or before 5 p.m. on the 45th day prior to  
6 the election. The candidate must meet all the other qualifications for that office.

7 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2554, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and  
8 Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is  
9 further amended to read:

10 **2. Write-in votes.** In any city election, a voter may write in the name and  
11 municipality of residence of ~~any~~ a person declared under this subsection for whom the  
12 voter desires to vote in the blank space provided at the end of the list of candidates for  
13 office. A sticker may not be used to vote for a write-in candidate in any city election  
14 other than a primary election. To be considered a declared write-in candidate under this  
15 subsection, a person must file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the clerk, on a  
16 form approved by the clerk, on or before 5 p.m. on the 45th day prior to the election. The  
17 candidate must meet all the other qualifications for that office.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires a write-in candidate for a municipal or city election to file a  
20 declaration of candidacy on or before 45 days prior to the election and meet all other  
21 qualifications for office.