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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 229, L.D. 285, Bill, “An Act To Require That the Secretary of State Certify the Qualifications of Candidates for Legislative Office”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Qualifications of Candidates for Office'

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §336, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

1. Consent. The consent must contain a statement signed by the candidate that ~~he~~ the candidate will accept the nomination of the primary election. The Secretary of State shall provide a form on which the consent of the candidate is made that must include a list of the statutory and constitutional requirements of the office sought by the candidate. The statement may be printed as a part of the primary petition.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §355, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

1. Consent. The consent must contain a statement signed by the candidate that ~~he~~ the candidate will accept the nomination of the primary election. The Secretary of State shall provide a form on which the consent of the candidate is made that must include a list of the statutory and constitutional requirements of the office sought by the candidate. The statement may be printed as a part of the nomination petition.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §363, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §30, is further amended to read:

3. Acceptance filed. A person chosen under this section must file a written acceptance containing a statement that the person meets the qualifications of the office sought and declaring the person's residence and party enrollment with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall provide a form on which the statement is made by the

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1 candidate that must include a list of the statutory and constitutional requirements of the
2 office sought by the candidate.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to provide a consent form to be signed by candidates who are seeking election that lists the statutory and constitutional requirements for that office. It also requires that form for replacement candidates selected by a political committee in the event of a vacancy.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)