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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 428, L.D. 545, Bill, “An Act To Improve Ballot Access for Gubernatorial Candidates”

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. For candidate for Governor, the lesser of:

- (1) At least 2,000 and not more than 3,000; and
- (2) Two percent of the total number of members enrolled in the candidate's party as of December 1st of the odd-numbered year preceding the primary election as long as that percentage equals at least 750 and not more than 3,000 members.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It clarifies how to determine party enrollment for the purposes of satisfying the alternative petition requirements for a candidate for Governor to be on a primary ballot as proposed by the bill and specifies that the petition may not contain less than 750 signatures.