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## H.P. 428

House of Representatives, February 15, 2011

# An Act To Improve Ballot Access for Gubernatorial Candidates

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAMON of Bangor, JOHNSON of Eddington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is
 amended to read:

A. For <u>a</u> candidate for Governor, at least 2,000 <u>or 2% of the total number of</u>
members enrolled in the candidate's party according to the most recent tabulation by
the Secretary of State, whichever is less, and not more than 3,000 voters;

### SUMMARY

8 This bill provides that a candidate for Governor may satisfy the primary petition 9 requirements by acquiring the signatures of 2% of the total number of members enrolled 10 in the candidate's political party.