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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 308, L.D. 750, “An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls”

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

'An Act to Restrict Candidates from the Polls Except for the Purpose of Voting'

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §21, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

~~These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters~~ A candidate may not attend a voting place except for the purpose of voting. A candidate attending a voting place for the purpose of voting may orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, changes the title of the bill and prohibits a candidate from attending a voting place except for the purpose of voting. A candidate who attends a voting place for the purpose of voting may, as provided in current law, orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote or state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT