

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative Information **cannot** perform research, provide legal advice, or interpret Maine law. For legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.

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

‘**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §363, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

5. Voting; caucus requirement. A meeting held to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382 in a legislative district with 10 or more municipalities may not limit who votes on the nomination or election of a person to fill the vacancy to the party delegates but must permit any person enrolled in the party within the legislative district to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. The failure of a municipality in a district with 10 or more municipalities to hold a biennial caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in and voting at a meeting to nominate or elect a person to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that when a political committee holds a meeting to fill a vacancy for a candidacy or seat for a State Senator or Representative in a legislative district containing 10 or more municipalities, the political committee must permit anyone enrolled in the party to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. It also provides that the failure of a municipality in that district to hold a biennial municipal caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in or voting at the meeting to fill a vacancy.