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Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 14 to 21 in amendment) and inserting the following:

**‘5. Caucus.** Following the proclamation of the Governor pursuant to section 382, a municipality that has not held a biennial caucus has 15 days to hold a caucus to nominate or elect a person to fill a vacancy under section 382.’

Amend the amendment by adding after section 1 the following:

**‘Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §382, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §57, is further amended to read:

**1. Nominees chosen.** The Governor shall order the appropriate political committees to meet and shall set the deadline for choosing nominees, which may not be less than 15 days following the Governor's proclamation declaring a vacancy. The committees shall follow the procedure outlined in section 363.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment allows a municipality that has not held a biennial caucus, following the proclamation of the Governor declaring a vacancy in the House of Representatives for that municipality, to hold a caucus within 15 days of the Governor's proclamation to choose a nominee to fill the vacancy. This amendment also specifies that the Governor must allow the political committee at least 15 days to choose a nominee for the vacant seat.