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An Act To Amend the Ballot Initiative Process To Ensure Support in Maine's Congressional Districts

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §902-B is enacted to read:

§ 902-B. Signatures on petitions for direct initiative of legislation from congressional districts

The required number of signatures on petitions for the direct initiative of legislation specified in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 must include a number of signatures of voters registered to vote in each congressional district that is equal to 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that congressional district in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the direct initiative.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the required number of signatures on petitions for the direct initiative of legislation must include a number of signatures of voters registered to vote in each congressional district that is equal to 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that congressional district in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the direct initiative.