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Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

‘**Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §355, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 645, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Qualifications declared.** The consent must contain a declaration of the candidate's place of residence and the fact that the candidate has not been enrolled in a party qualified to participate in a primary or general election after March 1st of that election year and that the candidate meets the qualifications of the office the candidate seeks. The candidate must verify by oath or affirmation before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations that the declaration is true. If, pursuant to the challenge procedures in section 356, any part of the declaration is found to be false by the Secretary of State, the consent and the nomination petition are void. The candidate must remain unenrolled from March 1st until the general election in order to remain qualified as an unenrolled candidate for the office sought in the nomination petition in that election year.

A. Candidates for the office of county charter commission need not verify by oath or affirmation that they are not enrolled in a party.’

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment provides that an unenrolled candidate must remain unenrolled from March 1st until the general election in order to remain qualified as an unenrolled candidate for the office sought.