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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §805, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Presidential electors. The presidential electors at large, who must be the presidential electors nominated by the political party of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in the United States as determined pursuant to section 1303, shall cast their ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in the United States as determined pursuant to section 1303. The presidential electors of each congressional district shall cast their ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of votes in each respective congressional district.’

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1303 in the 3rd paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in association with the national popular vote winner" and inserting the following: 'in compliance with the provisions of section 805, subsection 2'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Amend the amendment in section 4 in the first line (page 1, line 12 in amendment) by striking out the following: "amends" and inserting the following: 'repeals and replaces'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment makes it clear that the at-large presidential electors are required to vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the most votes nationwide. This amendment keeps the current law with regard to how presidential electors for a congressional district must cast their votes for President and Vice President, which requires those electors to cast their votes for the candidates who received the largest number of votes in their congressional district. The amendment requires certification of the slate of presidential electors in accordance with Maine law. The amendment also removes the legislative intent section. The changes made by this amendment do not take effect unless the compact to elect the President by national popular vote takes effect.