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House of Representatives, April 13, 2011

An Act To Fully Enfranchise Voters

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative TURNER of Burlington.
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and
Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING of Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville,
GIFFORD of Lincoln, HARVELL of Farmington, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WEAVER of
York, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §368** is enacted to read:

3 **§368. Caucus; voting; filling vacancy**

4 If a state legislative district consists of more than one town, a person who resides in a
5 town in that state legislative district that does not hold a caucus after the death,
6 withdrawal or disqualification of a candidate may vote at a caucus held by another town
7 in that state legislative district if the person is eligible to vote in a primary election in that
8 person's town.

9 The chair of each political party shall determine where the caucus or caucuses are to
10 be held. The caucus must be conducted pursuant to chapter 5, subchapter 1, article 2.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that, if a state legislative district consists of more than one town, a
13 person who resides in a town in that state legislative district that does not hold a caucus
14 after the death, withdrawal or disqualification of a candidate may vote at a caucus held by
15 another town in that state legislative district if the person is eligible to vote in a primary
16 election in that person's town. The bill also requires the chair of each political party to
17 determine where a caucus is to be held.