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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1087, L.D. 1478, Bill, “An Act To Fully Enfranchise Voters”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §363, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Voting; caucus requirement.** A meeting held to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382 in a legislative district with 10 or more municipalities may not limit who votes on the nomination or election of a person to fill the vacancy to the party delegates but must permit any person enrolled in the party within the legislative district to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. The failure of a municipality in a district with 10 or more municipalities to hold a biennial caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in and voting at a meeting to nominate or elect a person to fill a vacancy under section 381 or 382.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that when a political committee holds a meeting to fill a vacancy for a candidacy or seat for a State Senator or Representative in a legislative district containing 10 or more municipalities, the political committee must permit anyone enrolled in the party to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. It also provides that the failure of a municipality in that district to hold a biennial municipal caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in or voting at the meeting to fill a vacancy.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**