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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 540, L.D. 1663, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Ranked-choice Voting Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 473, §11 and affected by §46, is further amended to read:

1. Arrangement. The ballots must be arranged in a manner that is as consistent and uniform as possible throughout the State, except that ranked-choice contests must be grouped together and may be presented on the same page of the ballot as contests other than ranked-choice contests or on a separate ballot or ballot page from contests other than ranked-choice contests.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §696, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §32, is further amended to read:

A. If Except as provided in section 723-A for elections determined by ranked-choice voting, if a voter marks more names for an office than there are vacancies to be filled or more choices for a question than are permitted, the voter's vote for that office or question may not be counted.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §700 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the unofficial results include only the first choice votes cast" and inserting the following: 'an election official shall post a paper copy of the results of the first choice votes cast'

Amend the bill in section 13 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 3, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "subsections subsection 3 and 4" and inserting the following: 'subsections 3 and 4'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

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