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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 582, L.D. 1484, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Election Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §101, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 538, §4, is amended to read:

A. Hold or be a candidate for any federal, state or county office;'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the first line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "When a" the following: 'registrar or a'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraphs (2) and (3) (page 2, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(2) First initial, middle name and last name; or

(3) First name, middle name or middle initial and last name;'

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 3, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "ballot." the following: 'The Secretary of State is not required to print a primary ballot if there are no offices for which a candidate has qualified.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 (page 5, lines 21 to 29 in L.D.).

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

SUMMARY

The bill adds a restriction that a registrar may not serve during an election when an immediate family member of the registrar is a candidate for federal office. This amendment provides that in addition to the bill's changes a registrar may not serve as

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1 registrar when the registrar is a candidate for federal, state, local or county office. This
2 amendment removes a provision in the bill that limits the representation of a voter's legal
3 name on a voter registration application to only one middle name or one middle initial.
4 The amendment adds language that provides that the Secretary of State is not required to
5 print a primary ballot if there are no offices for which a candidate has qualified either by
6 petition or as a write-in candidate. Finally, the amendment strikes the provision in the
7 bill pertaining to when a municipal clerk is ineligible to serve as the supervisor of
8 elections.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**