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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1082, L.D. 1571, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Election Laws Relating to Party Qualification”

Amend the bill by adding after section 16 the following:

**Sec. 17. Party qualification status.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a party that filed a certification with the Secretary of State in 2016 indicating that it has at least 5,000 voters enrolled in the party and whose nominee for President of the United States appeared on the ballot at the general election on November 8, 2016 is qualified as a minor party as defined by section 2 of this Act until the next general election, at which time the minor party is subject to qualification requirements prescribed by this Act.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that a party that filed a certification with the Secretary of State in 2016 that it has at least 5,000 voters enrolled in the party and whose nominee for President of the United States appeared on the ballot at the general election on November 8, 2016 is qualified as a minor party as defined by the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**