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In Senate, March 5, 2015

An Act To Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco, Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VALENTINO of York, Representative: DION of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §111, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 387, §1, is
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §340,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 423, §3, is repealed.

5 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §341** is enacted to read:

6 **§341. Unenrolled voter participation in primary elections allowed**

7 A registered voter not enrolled in a political party may participate, subject to the
8 restrictions of section 144, in a party's primary election without enrolling in that political
9 party. An unenrolled voter may vote in only one party's primary election. Municipal
10 clerks shall establish procedures to ensure that each voter voting in a party's primary
11 election is offered a ballot for that primary election.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill allows unenrolled voters to vote in primary elections without having to
14 enroll in a political party.