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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 471, L.D. 1384, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §144, first ¶, as amended by PL 2001, c. 310, §7, is further amended to read:

A voter may change the voter's enrollment anytime after 3 months from the date on which the voter enrolled by filing an application with the registrar personally, by mail or otherwise. When a voter files an application to change enrollment on the day of a primary election, the application is deemed received the following business day.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §145, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

A voter may withdraw his the voter's enrollment anytime after 3 months from the date on which he the voter enrolled by filing a written request with the registrar. When a voter files an application to withdraw enrollment on the day of a primary election, the application is deemed received the following business day.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 31 and 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "not charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee for the available space but may require the committee to provide proof of liability insurance" and inserting the following: 'charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee for the available space'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 to 10.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 14.

Amend the bill in section 16 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 4, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "70th" and inserting the following: '60th'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill that remove the requirement to print
5 a space on state ballots for undeclared write-in candidates. It also strikes the provision in
6 the bill that removes the option for a party to determine who may participate in the party's
7 primary. The bill prohibits a voter from changing enrollment or withdrawing enrollment
8 in a party on election day. The amendment provides that a voter may change or withdraw
9 enrollment on election day, but the application to do so is not deemed received until the
10 next business day. The amendment specifies that a municipality may charge a rental fee
11 or janitorial service fee when the municipality provides space for a local caucus to meet.
12 The amendment strikes a provision governing notarial acts related to petitions for a direct
13 initiative of legislation and a people's veto referendum. Finally, the amendment provides
14 that the deadline for filing municipal nomination papers is the 60th day prior to election,
15 rather than the 70th day prior to election that is proposed in the bill.