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House of Representatives, April 7, 2015

**An Act To Amend the Ballot Initiative Process To Ensure Support
in Maine's Congressional Districts**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHORT of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HILLIARD
of Belgrade, LYFORD of Eddington, MARTIN of Sinclair, REED of Carmel, SHAW of
Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §902-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§902-B. Signatures on petitions for direct initiative of legislation from congressional**
4 **districts**

5 The required number of signatures on petitions for the direct initiative of legislation
6 specified in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 must include a
7 number of signatures of voters registered to vote in each congressional district that is
8 equal to 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that congressional district in the last
9 gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the direct initiative.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides that the required number of signatures on petitions for the direct
12 initiative of legislation must include a number of signatures of voters registered to vote in
13 each congressional district that is equal to 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that
14 congressional district in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the direct
15 initiative.