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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 523, L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act To Implement a Presidential Primary System in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 4 in §441 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'2. Unenrolled voter participation. Notwithstanding section 340, subsection 1, a registered voter not enrolled in a party may participate in a party's presidential primary election without enrolling in that party. An unenrolled voter may vote in only one party's presidential primary election.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §443 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "432" and inserting the following: '442'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §443 in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "432" and inserting the following: '442'

Amend the bill by adding after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for printing and delivering presidential primary ballots to municipalities.

Table with 3 columns: GENERAL FUND, 2019-20, 2020-21. Rows include All Other, GENERAL FUND TOTAL.

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, which is a minority report of the committee, strikes the provision of
5 the bill mandating that each party’s presidential primary elections are closed to any voter
6 not enrolled in that party. Under the amendment, an unenrolled voter may choose to vote
7 in one party’s presidential primary election. The amendment also corrects cross-
8 references in the bill.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**