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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 519, L.D. 768, Bill, “An Act To Increase Access to Voter Lists”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 564, §8, is amended to read:

B. A political party, or an individual or organization engaged in so-called "get out the vote" efforts or activities directly related to a campaign, or an individual who has been elected or appointed to and is currently serving in a municipal, county, state or federal office, may purchase a list or report of certain voter information from the central voter registration system by making a request to the Secretary of State or to a registrar if the information requested concerns voters in that municipality. The Secretary of State or the registrar shall make available the following voter record information, subject to the fees set forth in subsection 2: the voter's name, residence address, mailing address, year of birth, enrollment status, electoral districts, voter status, date of registration, date of change of the voter record if applicable, voter participation history, voter record number and any special designations indicating uniformed service voters, overseas voters or township voters. Any person obtaining, either directly or indirectly, information from the central voter registration system under this paragraph may not sell, distribute or use the data for any purpose that is not directly related to activities of a political party, "get out the vote" efforts or activities directly related to a campaign. This paragraph does not prohibit political parties, party committees, candidate committees, political action committees or any other organizations that have purchased information from the central voter registration system from providing access to such information to their members for purposes directly related to party activities, "get out the vote" efforts or a campaign. For purposes of this paragraph, "campaign" has the same meaning as in section 1052, subsection 1.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Under current law, parties, individuals or organizations can purchase reports of certain voter information for voter participation efforts directly related to a campaign. This amendment provides that a person who has been elected to a state, federal, county or municipal office can also purchase such reports.