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An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7202, first ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 297, §1, is further amended to read:

The voters of any municipality may petition for consideration of deorganization of the municipality by following the petition procedure of section 2528, subsection 5. On the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, ~~but in no case less than 10,~~ requesting a municipal meeting for the purpose of discussing and determining whether the municipality should deorganize, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special meeting in the manner provided for the calling and holding of town meetings or city elections to discuss deorganization of the municipality and to decide whether to develop a deorganization procedure.

SUMMARY

This bill modifies the provision of law governing voter petition for the deorganization of a municipality. Current law requires a written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, but not fewer than 10 voters, to request a municipal meeting to discuss and determine whether the municipality should deorganize. The bill removes the limitation that the petition must be signed by at least 10 voters.