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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 188, L.D. 222,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal Provisions for Same Day Reg-
9 istration under the Election Laws."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after
11 the enacting clause and before the statement of fact
12 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §123, as enacted by PL 1985,
14 c. 161, §6, is repealed.

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Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §123-A is enacted to read:

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§123-A. Registration schedule for all elections

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1. Deadline. The registrar shall accept regis-
18 trations not later than the 3rd business day next
19 prior to election day.

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2. Registration for absentee voters. The regis-
21 trar shall accept registrations under section 152 not
22 later than the 3rd business day next prior to elec-
23 tion day, provided that the applicant otherwise qual-
24 ifies as an absentee voter. The receipt of an absen-
25 tee ballot application by the clerk establishes a
26 presumption of qualification under this section.

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Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §§124, 125 and 126, as enacted
28 by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, are repealed.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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There are many problems associated with election
31 day registration, including delays and inconvenience
32 for voters who must register at a location sometimes

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1 distant from their polling place. There are also po-
2 tential problems of voter fraud because there is in-
3 sufficient time to check on the residences of new
4 voters. This amendment seeks to avoid these problems
5 by setting the 3rd business day before election day
6 as the last day for registration.

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