

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 438

H.P. 322

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Expedite Removal of Invalid Voter Names from Voter Lists.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative MACK of Standish.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §162-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 695, §17, is amended to read:

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2. Removal from voting list. A registrant's name may be removed from the voting list if the registrant confirms that the registrant has moved from the municipality's jurisdiction. If a registrant fails to respond to the change of address confirmation notice, the registrant may be designated on the voting list as inactive. A registrant who has been designated as inactive and fails to vote for the next 2 general elections may **must** be removed from the voting list within 90 days after the 2nd general election. If a registrant who is designated as inactive votes at any election prior to removal from the voting list, the inactive designation of the registrant on the voting list must be removed. Address verification may be requested at the polls before allowing a registrant designated as inactive to vote.

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SUMMARY

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This bill expedites the removal of inactive voters from voting lists by requiring municipal clerks to remove a voter from the voting list within 90 days after the 2nd general election after the voter fails to respond to a change of address notice mailed by the clerk.