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In Senate, January 14, 2025

An Act to Change the Limits on Candidates' Communications with Voters at the Polls

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Representative: POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 109, §1, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph and enacting the following in its place:

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters the name of the office that the candidate is seeking on the ballot for the election that day and the party or political designation of the candidate as listed on the ballot for the election that day as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote.

9 SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing prohibition of certain political activities at a voting place to allow a candidate to orally communicate with voters the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in the election that day and the candidate's party or political designation, as it is listed on the ballot for the election that day, as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote.