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House of Representatives, January 28, 2025

An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 23, 2025. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, FLYNN of Albion, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HYMES of Waldo, LANCE of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §152, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 7. Signatures updated. Beginning January 1, 2026, a voter signature entered into the
4 central voter registration system is valid for 5 years from the time the signature was last
5 updated. The registrar in each municipality shall check the central voter registration system
6 annually and notify those voters whose signatures expire in that calendar year and provide
7 to those voters a voter signature registration update form prescribed by the Secretary of
8 State. The registrar shall update the central voter registration system with the updated
9 signatures pursuant to subsection 2.

10 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §161, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

11 6. Review and update signatures. Beginning January 1, 2026 and annually
12 thereafter, the registrar in each municipality shall review the central voter registration
13 system and notify those voters whose signatures expire during that calendar year. The
14 registrar shall provide to a voter whose signature expires in that year a voter signature
15 registration update form pursuant to section 152, subsection 7.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill stipulates that, beginning January 1, 2026, a voter signature is valid for 5 years
18 from the time it was last updated. It also requires the registrar from each municipality to
19 review the central voter registration system annually and notify those voters whose
20 signatures expire in that calendar year and provide those voters with a voter signature
21 registration update form. The bill also requires the registrar to update the central voter
22 registration system with the updated signatures.