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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 146, L.D. 176, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Voter Registration."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §103 is enacted to read:

§ 103. Advance registration

The registrar shall conditionally accept the registration
and enrollment of any person whose age is between 17 years
6 months and 18 years and who is otherwise qualified to be
a voter when such a person states to the registrar that he will
be outside the State, as a student in an educational institution
or as a member of the armed forces, during the first period
at which he would otherwise be able to register. The registrar
shall maintain a separate list of such persons, with a notation
of their birthdates, and shall place their names on the voting
list as soon as they have attained 18 years of age.

A person who has registered in accordance with this section
and who has not attained 18 years of age may vote by absentee
ballot at any election if that person attains 18 years of age
on or before the date of the election and is otherwise eligible
to vote by absentee ballot.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1253, sub-§4 is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

If the applicant has registered and enrolled where necessary, pursuant to section 103, and will attain 18 years of age on or before the date of the election, the registrar shall so certify on the application.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that persons who register in advance pursuant to the procedure established by the bill may vote by absentee ballot as long as they turn 18 on or before the date of the election.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.

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