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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1664, L.D. 1864, Bill, "AN ACT
Concerning Registration on Election Day."

Amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact
the following:

'Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §834 is enacted to read:

§834. Regulations concerning election stamps

The Secretary of State, or his designee, shall promulgate regulations which shall standardize the procedures and materials used to mark a voter's hand with ^{an} indelible ink mark visible only in ultraviolet light as proof of his having voted, and to check the voter's hand for that mark with an ultraviolet light. The Secretary of State shall promulgate regulations providing for identification by placement of indelible ink on some part of the voter's body for any voter having a physical handicap which prevents one of his hands from being marked with indelible ink visible only in ultraviolet light.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA §861, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Marking of back of hand with indelible ink. The incoming election clerk shall shine an ultraviolet light on the back of each of the voter's hands in order to determine whether or not the voter has an election stamp on the back of one of his hands. If the voter does have such a stamp on his hand, he shall not be permitted to vote. Any voter having a physical handicap which prevents inspection under this subsection shall be treated in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State under section 834.

Sec. 6. 21 MRSA §861, sub-§3 is amended by inserting at the end the following:

The incoming election clerk shall then mark the back of one of the voter's hands with an election stamp which is a mark in indelible ink which is visible only in ultraviolet light. He shall ^{then} shine an ultraviolet light on the mark to ensure that the mark is visible under ultraviolet light. Any voter having a physical handicap which prevents marking of one of his hands with an election stamp shall be treated in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State under section 834.

Fiscal Note

There will be no anticipated cost to the State because of this amendment.

Statement of Fact

This amendment will provide protection against voting fraud in that it would prevent multiple voting on election day.

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