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

Amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out everything
after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'§631. Schedule; regular election

1. Regular election. The registrar shall accept registrations
at a regular election according to the schedule prescribed by this
section.

2. Names to be placed on voting list.

A. In a municipality of 2,500 or less population, he
shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by
the municipal officers on at least one business day during
the week before election day. The names of such voters shall
be placed on the voting list.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants
who appear in person on the business day next prior to election
day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in
subsection 3.

B. In a municipality of 2,501 to 5,000 population, the registrar
shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
on the 4th to 6th business days next prior to election day.

The names of such voters shall be placed on the voting list.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the 3 business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 3.

C. In a municipality of 5,001 to 10,000 population, the registrar shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 6th to 10th business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be placed on the voting list.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the 5 business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 3.

D. In a municipality of 10,001 to 24,000 population, the registrar shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 8th to 14th business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be placed on the voting list.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the 7 business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 3.

E. In a municipality of 24,001 or more population, the registrar shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 10th to 18th business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be placed on the voting list.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the 9 business days next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 3.

3. Registrations in person. The names of voters who register by appearing in person before the registrar during the business days before election day as provided in subsection 2 shall be recorded as provided in either paragraph A or paragraph B, as the municipal officers shall direct.

A. The registrar shall, after finding an applicant qualified, issue a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the voting list at the voting place on election day. Only one such certificate may be issued to any person.

B. As an alternative to the method provided in paragraph A, the registrar shall, after finding an applicant qualified, place the names of such voters on a supplemental voting list. Prior to the opening of the polls, the registrar shall forward the supplemental list or lists to the clerk or ward clerk at each voting place. The inclusion of a person's name on that list will entitle the applicant to vote on election day. All references in this Title to the use of the voting list before, during and after election day shall be deemed to include the supplemental voting list as provided in this paragraph.

4. Election day registration. The registrar shall accept registrations of applicants who appear in person on election day. The registrar shall issue to each such applicant a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the voting list at the voting place. Only one such certificate may be issued to any person.

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

§632. Schedule; special elections

1. Special election. The registrar shall accept registrations at a special election according to the schedule prescribed by this section.

2. Municipality of 2,500 or less. In a municipality of 2,500 or less population, the registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the business day next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 4.

3. Municipality of more than 2,500. In a municipality of 2,500 or more population, the registrar shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by the municipal officers on the 2nd and 3rd business days next prior to election day.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the business day next prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 4.

4. Registrations in person. The names of voters who register by appearing in person before the business day next prior to election day shall be recorded as provided in section 631, subsection 3, according to the method chosen by the municipal officers.

5. Election day registration. The registrar shall accept registrations of applicants who appear in person on election day. The registrar shall issue to each such applicant a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the voting list at the voting place. Only one such certificate may be issued to any person.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment maintains the present schedule in which registration periods vary according to municipal population. The names of such voters are to be placed on the regular voting list. During what was formerly the closed period, persons can register in person at the registrar's office, as in the bill.

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