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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-235)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" H.P. 170, L.D. 192, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Persons who Register Voters on Election Day to Vote by Absentee Ballot."

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

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1258 is amended to read:

§1258. Personal vote required when possible

A person who has voted by absentee ballot, but who is present in the municipality and able to vote in person at the voting place on election day must do so, unless that person is engaged in registering votes for that election on election day at the office of the registrar or the board of registration and as a result is unable to get to his voting place while the polls are open.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1579, sub-§4, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 496, §38, is amended to read:

4. Failure to vote in person. A person who has voted by absentee ballot but who is present and able to vote in person at the proper voting place on election day and fails to do so, unless that person was engaged in registering voters for that election on election day at the office of the registrar or the board of registration and as a result was unable to get to his voting place while the polls were open;'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the exception proposed by the bill applies only to those actually registering voters at the registrar's office who consequently cannot get to their voting place during polling hours.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.
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