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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*A*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"  
to S.P. 32, L.D. 33, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Absen-  
tee Voting."

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Amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 1,  
paragraph A, by striking out all of subparagraphs (8)  
and (9) and inserting in their place the following:

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'(8) Communicated with someone as prohib-  
ited by section 754-A, subsection 1, para-  
graph B or subsection 3, paragraph B or D;

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(9) Did not have his ballot returned to the  
clerk by the time prescribed;

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(10) Voted using the name of another; or

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(11) Committed any other specified viola-  
tion of this Title.'

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Further amend the amendment in section 12 in that  
part designated "§754-A." in subsection 2, in para-  
graph A, by striking out all of the 2nd underlined  
sentence (page 10, lines 6 to 12 in L.D.)

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Further amend the amendment in section 12 in that  
part designated "§754-A." in subsection 3, in para-  
graph B, by striking out all of the 2nd underlined  
sentence (page 11, lines 11 to 14 in L.D.)

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Further amend the amendment by striking out all  
of section 18 and inserting in its place the follow-  
ing:

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'Sec. 18. 21-A MRSA §791, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B, as  
enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, are amended to read:

1 A. A person who has voted votes by absentee bal-  
2 lot but who is present in the municipality and  
3 able to vote at the proper voting place on elec-  
4 tion day and fails to vote in person is guilty of  
5 a Class E crime, unless that person was engaged  
6 in registering voters for that election on elec-  
7 tion day at the office of the registrar or the  
8 board of registration working during the entire  
9 time the polls in his municipality were open and,  
10 as a result, was unable to get to his voting  
11 place while the polls were open;

12 B. A municipal clerk who, when a person has  
13 voted by absentee ballot in the clerk's ~~office~~  
14 presence under section 753, subsection 7, signs  
15 his name to an affidavit on the absentee ballot  
16 return envelope when the affidavit is not properly  
17 completed; or'

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19       This amendment adds as a reason for challenging a  
20       voter or ballot that the person voted using the name  
21       of another person. This is a class D crime.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "*A*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 32, L.D. 33

1        This amendment removes the restrictions placed on  
2 candidates concerning serving as witnesses. Under  
3 this amendment, a candidate who is a notary or other  
4 official may serve as a single witness. If a candi-  
5 date is not a notary or other official, he may serve  
6 as one of 2 witnesses. This is treating the candidate  
7 the same as anyone else.

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