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### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

# Legislative Document

NO. 768

H.P. 570 House of Representatives, March 13, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Senator DILLENBACK of Cumberland and Representative REEVES of Pittston.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

2	Place.
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
6 7	<pre>Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:</pre>
8 9 10 11 12 13	2. <u>Influence prohibited</u> . Within the voting place, no person may influence or attempt to influence another person's choice of candidates. This limitation does not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters, as long as he does not attempt to influence their vote.
15	Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4 is enacted to

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read:

1	4. Campaign activities. No candidate may attend
2	the voting place during the hours when the polls are
3	open except for the express purpose of voting. Any
4	candidate who does attend the voting place to vote
5	may not wear any campaign pin or button, distribute
6	literature, speak to or otherwise communicate with
7	other voters.

STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill prohibits a candidate from communicat-10 ing with voters at the voting place on election day, 11 by means of campaign buttons, speech, literature or 12 otherwise, since any such communication may arguably 13 influence voters.

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