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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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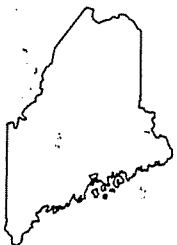
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAUN of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative STEVENSON of Unity.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Eliminate Voter Registration on Election Day.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 307, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§§5 and 6, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 307, §1, are amended to read:

5. Alternative registration schedule for absentee voters. The registrar shall accept registrations under section 152 at any time, ~~including election day,~~ provided that the applicant otherwise qualifies as an absentee voter. The receipt of a completed absentee ballot application by the clerk establishes a presumption of qualification under this subsection.

6. Names to be placed on voting list. Except as provided in paragraph A, the registrar shall accept registrations on any business day or other day that the clerk's office is open, except on election day. The names of any person registering shall must be placed on the voting list.

A. The registrar shall accept only the registrations of applicants who appear in person as follows:

- (1) In a municipality with a population of 2,500 or less, on the last business day before election day;
- (2) In a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 on the last 5 business days before election day, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on at least 3 of these days; and
- (3) The names of voters registering during these periods shall must be recorded as provided under subsection 7.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the provisions permitting election day registration to alleviate the hardship caused by same-day registration.