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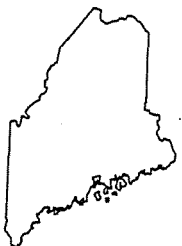
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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford
   Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery, Representative STEVENS of Sabattus and Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Develop a Statewide Voter Registration File.

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

21-A MRSA §168 is enacted to read:

§168. Computerized central voter registration system

1. **Establishment.** The Secretary of State shall develop and implement a statewide computerized voter registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central data base containing voter registration information from around the State. The system must be accessible to the municipal clerk or registrar of each municipality in the State. The system must satisfy the requirements for a duplicate registration file. Municipal requirements for a duplicate registration file are met when the Secretary of State determines that a municipality's voter registration records have been completely converted to the statewide system.

2. **Rules.** The Secretary of State shall adopt permanent and emergency rules necessary to administer the system required in this section. The rules must at least:

A. Provide for voters to submit their registration to any municipal registrar or the Secretary of State;

B. Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a central data base for all voter registration information;

C. Provide procedures for entering data into a central data base;

D. Provide for interaction with the computerized driver's license records of the Secretary of State;

E. Allow the offices of all municipal clerks and registrars and the Secretary of State to add, modify and delete information from the system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

F. Allow the offices of all municipal clerks and registrars and the Secretary of State's office to have access to the central data base for review and search capabilities;

G. Provide security and protection of all information in the central data base and monitor the central data base to ensure unauthorized entry is not allowed;

H. Provide a system for each municipality to identify the precinct to which a voter should be assigned for voting purposes; and

2   I.   Prescribe a procedure for phasing in or converting existing   computerized   records   to   the   statewide   voter

4   registration data base.

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8   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10   This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop and implement a statewide computerized voter registration system.

12   The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules necessary to the system in order to facilitate voter registration

14   and to provide a .central, accurate and searchable data base containing voter registration information from around the State.

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