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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

An Act to Prohibit Voter Registration on Election Day.

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

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BUTLAND of Cumberland, CAHILL of Sagadahoc, CARPENTER of York, FOSTER of Hancock, HANLEY of Oxford, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LUDWIG of Aroostook, MARDEN of Kennebec, Representatives: DiPIETRO of South Portland, GOULD of Greenville, GREENLAW of Standish, LORD of Waterboro, MURPHY of Berwick, NORTON of Winthrop, PENDEXTER of Scarborough, TARDY of Palmyra, ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

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

   Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 307, §1, is repealed.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

   <u>4-A. **Prohibited one week before election.** The registrar may not register an applicant as a voter unless the application is received by the registrar not later than 7 calendar days before election day.</u>

   Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 307, §1, is amended to read:

   5. **Alternative registration schedule for absentee voters.** The registrar shall accept registrations under section 152 at any time, including election day <u>not later than 7 calendar days before election day</u>, 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

   This bill eliminates the provision that allows voters to register on election day and allows the registrar to register voters not later than one week before election day.