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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 318

In Senate, March 22, 1993

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**An Act Concerning Identification Methods for Voter Registration.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUTHER of Oxford.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161,  
4           §6, is amended to read:

6           A person may register as a voter by appearing before the  
7           registrar, proving that he that person is qualified under section  
8           111, subsections 1 to 3, and filing an application provided by  
9           the registrar containing the information required by section  
10          171. Township residents may register as provided in section  
11          156. Any person registering to vote less than 6 weeks before an  
12          election must present that person's social security card for  
13          identification purposes in addition to any other requirements  
14          under this chapter.

16          **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 307,  
17          §1, is amended to read:

18                   **4. Election day registration.** The registrar shall accept  
19          registrations of applicants who appear in person on election day,  
20          except that, the applicant must present to the registrar a social  
21          security card as identification. The registrar shall issue to  
22          each of these applicants a certificate entitling the applicant to  
23          be placed on the voting list at the voting place. Only one  
24          certificate may be issued to any person.

26          **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §130**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 694, §1, is  
27          further amended to read:

30           **§130. Applications for voter registration**

31           A person who completes an application for registration to  
32          vote, as provided in section 152, may mail the application or  
33          have the application delivered to the registrar before the closed  
34          period for the acceptance of registrations in the person's  
35          municipality, to be placed on the voting list prior to the next  
36          election; except that applications completed under section 122,  
37          subsection 5, may be delivered during the closed period for  
38          immediate placement on the voting list. Any person who mails or  
39          delivers an application for registration to vote less than 6  
40          weeks before an election must present a social security card as  
41          identification at the polls.

44                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

45           This bill requires any person registering to vote less than  
46          6 weeks before an election to present to the registrar a social  
47          security card as identification.