

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 89

H.P. 64

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

An Act to Prohibit the Gathering of Signatures at a Polling Place.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, COLWELL of Gardiner, COWGER of
Hallowell, GAGNON of Waterville, JABAR of Waterville, JONES of Bar Harbor, Senators:
BENOIT of Franklin, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Petitioners and taking of surveys prohibited. A person
8 may not present a petition for signatures or present or conduct a
10 survey for written or oral response on election day inside any
12 building that serves as a polling place. This subsection does
14 not prohibit persons from conducting exit polls or from
16 monitoring voter eligibility inside the polling place.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits petitioners and survey takers from
18 conducting their election day activities inside polling places,
but is not intended to affect monitoring of voters or exit polls.