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House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

An Act to Require Picture Identification to be Used by Persons Registering to Vote on Election Day.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 695, §5, is amended to read:

6 1-A. Identification and proof. Registration applications taken by outside agencies must be transferred to the Secretary of 8 State within 5 days of receipt. An applicant who attempts to register within 20 days of an election must be advised that the 10 registrar might not receive the application before that election, but that the applicant may register in person on election day.

Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from $\mathbf{14}$ outside agencies 21 days or more before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 10 days Registration applications received by the Secretary 16 of receipt. of State from outside agencies 20 days or less before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 18 5 days of receipt. Registration applications by mail must be 20 received in the registrar's office by the close of business 15 days before election day in order for persons to appear on the list of registered voters for that election. 22

A person who registers during the 15 days before election day of en-election day shall register in person and show proof of identity and residency. A person who registers on election day shall register in person and show proof of identity and residency
that contains a photograph of the person registering. If satisfactory proof of identity and residency can not be provided to the registrar or deputy, the person casts a challenged ballot.

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SUMMARY

36 This bill requires a person who registers on election day to show proof of identity and residency that contains a photograph 38 of the person registering.