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An Act to Reduce the Hours Required of the Registrar to Register Voters Prior to 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. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, CHARTRAND of Rockland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §14, is further amended to read:
б	4. Election day registration. The registrar shall accept registrations of applicants who appear in person on election
8	day. The registrar shall issue to each of these applicants a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the voting
10	list at the voting place. Only one certificate may be issued to a person. An applicant whose address has changed since the
12	applicant last voted must vote using the ballot or ballots for the new polling place, if applicable, on election day. The
14	registrar shall accept registrations on election day until the polls close.
16	Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§6, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
18	307, §1, is amended to read:
20	A. The registrar shall accept only the registrations of applicants who appear in person as follows:
22	(1) In a municipality with a population of 2,500 or
24	less, on the last business day before election day;
26	(2) In a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 on the last 5 business days before election day_{τ}
28	from-l-p.mto-5-p.mand-7-p.mto-9-p.mon-at-least 3-of-these-days; and
30	(3) The names of voters registering during these
32	periods shall <u>must</u> be recorded as provided under subsection 7.
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36	SUMMARY
38 40	This bill removes the requirement that the registrar accept voter registrations beyond the normal business day, except that on election day, the registrar must accept registrations until the polls close.

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