

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 278


H.P. 214

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

**An Act to Allow Candidates' Presence at Voting Places Solely for the Purpose of Voting.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth.  
Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro,  
Senator BENOIT of Franklin and  
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, MORGAN of South Portland, OTT of York, POVICH  
of Ellsworth, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TRUE of Fryeburg, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator:  
PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §61, is further amended to read:

**2. Influence prohibited.** Within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not influence or attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or ballot issue. ~~This limitation does not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters, as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote.~~ A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4 is enacted to read:**

**4. Candidate lingering prohibited.** A candidate may attend the voting place solely for the purpose of voting. A candidate may not linger at the voting place or communicate with other voters at the voting place regarding that person's candidacy.

## SUMMARY

Under this bill, a candidate may attend the voting place on election day solely for the purpose of voting. The bill prohibits a candidate from lingering or communicating with other voters at the voting place.