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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 376, L.D. 501, Bill, "An Act to Eliminate Voter Registration on Election Day"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Regulate Voter Registration on Election Day'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §14, is further amended to read:

4. Election day registration. The registrar shall accept registrations of applicants who appear in person on election day. The registrar shall issue, subject to paragraph A, to each of these applicants a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the voting list at the voting place. Only one certificate may be issued to a person. An applicant whose address has changed since the applicant last voted must vote using the ballot or ballots for the new polling place, if applicable, on election day.

A. Before the registrar issues a certificate, the applicant shall execute a sworn statement, witnessed by the registrar, stating:

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- (1) The applicant's name;
- (2) The applicant's date of birth; and
- (3) The applicant's street and mailing addresses.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §156, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

1. **Registration and enrollment.** A township resident may register and enroll in any town within his the resident's representative district or, if he the resident lives in a portion of a township not easily accessible to a town within his the resident's representative district, he the resident may register and enroll in a more convenient town within or outside the county. He Subject to the requirements for executing an affidavit set out in section 122, subsection 4, the resident may register and enroll on election day. The registrar shall place the letter "T" beside the voter's name on the voting list and on the general register.'

SUMMARY

This amendment regulates, rather than eliminates, election day voter registration by requiring the voter to execute a sworn statement, witnessed by the registrar, stating the voter's name, date of birth and mailing and street addresses.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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