

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 752

S.P. 257

In Senate, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Supply Municipalities with  
Preprinted, Postage-prepaid Post Cards to be Used when a Voter Moves.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §161, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Notify Secretary of State. The registrar shall mail to the Secretary of State a fully completed post card for each new registrant who was previously registered in another municipality in this State. The registrar shall include the name, current address and previous address of the registrant. The Secretary of State shall provide each municipality with self-addressed, postage-prepaid post cards. Upon receipt of a completed post card from a municipality, the Secretary of State shall notify the registrar of the registrant's prior municipality of the change.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §162-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 695, §17, is amended to read:

2. Removal from voting list. A registrant's name may be removed from the voting list if the registrant confirms that the registrant has moved from the municipality's jurisdiction. Confirmation may be by receipt of notification from the Secretary of State that the registrant has registered to vote in another municipality. If a registrant fails to respond to the change of address confirmation notice, the registrant may be designated on the voting list as inactive. A registrant who has been designated as inactive and fails to vote for the next 2 general elections may be removed from the voting list. If a registrant who is designated as inactive votes at any election prior to removal from the voting list, the inactive designation of the registrant on the voting list must be removed. Address verification may be requested at the polls before allowing a registrant designated as inactive to vote.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Secretary of State to provide municipalities with self-addressed, postage-prepaid post cards on which to report changes in voter registration. The Secretary of State then notifies the voter's prior municipality of registration of the change.