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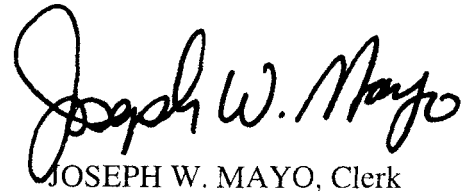
No. 1752

H.P. 1223

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**An Act to Require Certain Proof of Identity to be Presented When
Registering to Vote.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
436, §22, is further amended to read:

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

14 Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from
15 outside agencies 21 days or more before an election must be
16 transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 10 days
17 of receipt. Registration applications received by the Secretary
18 of State from outside agencies 20 days or less before an election
19 must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within
20 5 days of receipt. Registration applications by mail or by a 3rd
21 person must be received in the registrar's office by the close of
22 business 10 business days before election day in order for
23 persons to appear on the list of registered voters for that
24 election. If the registrar's office is not open on that day, the
25 registrar must accept applications by mail that are received on
26 the next day the registrar's office is open.

28 A person who registers during the 10 business days before
29 election day or on election day shall register in person and show
30 proof of identity and residency, including a driver's license or
31 state identification card. If satisfactory proof of identity and
32 residency can not be provided to the registrar or deputy, the
33 person's name is placed on the voting list and the person casts a
34 challenged ballot.

36 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161,
37 §6, is amended to read:

38 **§122. Registration procedure**

40 A person may register as a voter by appearing before the
41 registrar, proving that he the person is qualified under section
42 111, subsections 1 to 3, showing a driver's license or state
43 identification card and filing an application provided by the
44 registrar containing the information required by section 171.
45 Township residents may register as provided in section 156.
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48 **SUMMARY**

50 This bill requires a person to show a driver's license or
51 state identification card when appearing in person to register to
52 vote.