# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 448

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

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An Act to Preserve the Integrity of the Polling Place by Limiting the Physical Presence of Candidates.

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

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA  $\S682$ , sub- $\S2$ , as amended by PL 1995, c. 459,  $\S61$ , 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 erally-communicating-with-veters voting, as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their-vete the votes of others. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote within 250 feet of the entrance to either the voting place or the registrar's office.

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill limits a candidate's activities at polling places to voting. The candidate is prohibited from stating the name of the office sought by the candidate or requesting a person's vote within 250 feet of the polling place or registrar's office.