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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 936, L.D. 1250, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Registration of Voters"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1-A and inserting in its place the following:

1-A. Identification and proof. Registration applications taken by outside agencies must be transferred to the Secretary of State within 5 days of receipt. An applicant who attempts to register within 20 days of an election must be advised that the registrar might not receive the application before ~~that election~~ the deadline for the receipt of applications, but that the applicant may register in person ~~before or on~~ no later than 48 hours before election day.

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

2 A person who registers ~~during the 9 business days~~ between 9 days
4 and 48 hours before election day ~~or on election day shall~~ must
6 register in person and show proof of identity and residency. If
satisfactory proof of identity and residency can not be provided
to the registrar or deputy, the person's name is placed on the
voting list and the person casts a challenged ballot.'

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10 Further amend the bill in section 2 in the first paragraph
in the 2nd line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the
12 following: "30 days" and inserting in its place the following:
'48 hours'

14 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 5 in the
4th line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
16 "30 days" and inserting in its place the following: '48 hours'

18 Further amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 2 in the
2nd line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the
20 following: "30 days" and inserting in its place the following:
'48 hours'

24 SUMMARY

26 This amendment decreases the amount of time before an
election in which a person is allowed to register to vote from 30
28 days, as proposed by the original bill, to 48 hours. As with the
original bill, this amendment removes the provisions in the Maine
30 Revised Statutes, Title 21-A that permit election day
registration of voters.