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No. 270

S.P. 90

In Senate, January 18, 2005

An Act To Prohibit Same-day Voter Registration

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield and Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, BOWLES of Sanford, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 459,
§14, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 436,
§23, is further amended to read:

8 **6. Names to be placed on voting list.** Except as provided
10 in paragraph A, the registrar shall accept registrations on any
business day or other day that the clerk's office is open. The
12 names of any person registering on or before the Friday preceding
the election for which the person is registering to vote must be
14 placed on the voting list.

16 A. The registrar may accept only the registrations of
18 applicants who appear in person as follows:

20 (1) In a municipality with a population of 2,500 or
fewer, on the last business day that the clerk's office
22 is open on or before the Friday preceding election day
during the hours that the clerk's office is open;

24 (2) In a municipality with a population of more than
2,500, on the last 5 business days that the clerk's
26 office is open on or before the Friday preceding
election day during the hours that the clerk's office
28 is open and for 2 hours in the evening between 5 p.m.
and 9 p.m. on at least 3 of these days; and

30 (3) The names of voters registering during these
32 periods must be recorded as provided under subsection 7.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 Current law authorizes citizens of the State to register to
38 vote on election day. This bill repeals that provision and
instead requires that citizens of the State register to vote no
40 later than the Friday preceding the election.