

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 740

House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

### **An Act To Protect the Citizen Initiative Signature Collection Process at Polling Places**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

6 **4-A. Opponents of signature collection prohibited.** Within  
8 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place, as well as in the  
10 voting place itself, a person who opposes collection of  
12 signatures on a petition to place a direct initiative of  
14 legislation or referendum on the ballot at a future election may  
16 not influence or attempt to influence another person's decision  
18 to sign such a petition.

#### SUMMARY

16 This bill prohibits opponents of a citizen initiative  
18 signature collection drive from influencing or attempting to  
influence another person's decision to sign such a petition.