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House of Representatives, March 15, 2005

### **An Act To Protect Certain Private Information Submitted to Municipalities**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BIERMAN of Sorrento.  
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, COLLINS of Wells, MILLETT of Waterford,  
PLUMMER of Windham, SAMPSON of Auburn, TARDY of Newport, Senators: DAVIS of  
Piscataquis, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶M**, as amended by PL 2003, c.  
614, §2, is further amended to read:

6           M. Records or information describing the architecture,  
8           design, access authentication, encryption or security of  
10           information technology infrastructure and systems. Records  
12           or information covered by this paragraph may be disclosed to  
14           the Legislature or, in the case of a political or  
16           administrative subdivision, to municipal officials or board  
18           members under conditions that protect the information from  
20           further disclosure; and

22       **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.  
24       614, §3, is amended to read:

26           N. Social security numbers in the possession of the  
28           Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and

30       **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶O** is enacted to read:

32       O. An electronic mail address of an individual provided to  
34       or obtained by a municipality unless the individual  
explicitly agrees to the release of the electronic mail  
address.

**SUMMARY**

36       This bill exempts electronic mail, or e-mail, addresses of  
38       individuals obtained by municipalities from public records that  
40       are subject to the freedom of information laws unless the  
42       municipality obtains the express permission of the individual to  
44       release the e-mail address.