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No. 1598

S.P. 572

In Senate, April 26, 2005

An Act To Prevent Campaigning at Polling Places

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL
2003, c. 447, §22, is amended to read:

6 **2. Influence prohibited.** Within 250 feet of the entrance
to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a
8 person may not:

10 A. Influence another person's decision regarding a
candidate or ballot issue; or

12 B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding
14 a candidate or ballot issue.

16 These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the
voting place and ~~orally communicating with voters~~ voting as long
18 as the candidate does not attempt to influence ~~their~~ the vote of
others. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought
20 or request a person's vote.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill limits a candidate's activities at polling places
26 to voting.