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### An Act To Limit Campaigning at Polling Places

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, FINLEY of Skowhegan, ROBINSON of Raymond,  
STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

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

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

4 **2-A. Application.** This subsection governs the application of ~~subsection~~ subsections  
5 2 and 4-A.

6 A. ~~Subsection~~ Subsections 2 does and 4-A do not apply to pollwatchers, who may  
7 remain in the voting place outside the guardrail enclosure as long as they do not  
8 attempt to influence voters or interfere with their free passage.

9 B. Subsection 2 does not prohibit media representatives from conducting an exit  
10 poll, as long as they do not solicit voters until after the voters have voted and do not  
11 orally communicate with voters in a way that influences a voter's vote.

12 C. If a person attempts to influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the  
13 warden shall have that person removed from the voting place.

14 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

15 **4-A. Limitation on number of political campaign workers.** Only a candidate or  
16 one representative from that candidate's political campaign may be present at an entrance  
17 to a voting place.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill limits the number of campaign workers allowed at an entrance to a voting  
20 place to only the candidate or one representative from the campaign.