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**STATE OF MAINE  
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123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “*A*” to S.P. 220, L.D. 683, Bill, “An Act To Limit the Activities of Political Candidates at Polling Places to Voting”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**‘Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 568, §14, is further amended to read:

**2. Influence prohibited.** On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not:

- A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or question that is on the ballot for the election that day; ~~or~~
- B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or question that is on the ballot for the election that day; or
- D. If that person is a candidate for election, state the name of the office being sought or request a person's vote.

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

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

**2-B. Candidates at the voting place.** A candidate for election may not be within 50 feet of an entrance to the voting place or inside the voting place on the election day for which that candidate's name is on the ballot, except for the purposes of voting.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the bill’s prohibition on candidates' activities at the voting place and creates a separate statutory provision. The amendment adds a further

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- 1 restriction by prohibiting a candidate from being within 50 feet of an entrance to a voting  
2 place, except for the purposes of voting.