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An Act To Limit the Activities of Political Candidates at Polling Places to Voting

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUMMER of Windham and
Representative: MOORE of Standish.

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

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

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

6 A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or question that is on
7 the ballot for the election that day; or

8 B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or question
9 that is on the ballot for the election that day.

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

14 **SUMMARY**

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