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An Act To Require Photographic Identification in Order To Register To Vote

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham. Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CRAY of Palmyra, GOULD of South Berwick, MILLER of Somerville, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock. 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 Whereas, the subject of this legislation is about elections and the next possible 4 statewide election could be before the end of the legislative session; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,

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

10 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

11 C. To prove residence to the registrar, a person must show photographic proof of 12 identification. For the purpose of this paragraph, photographic proof of identification 13 is limited to an unexpired and otherwise valid driver's license, a state identification 14 card issued by any state of the United States or its territories or the District of 15 Columbia showing a photograph, a United States passport or a United States military 16 identification card.

17 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §152, sub-§1, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 407, §8, is
18 amended to read:

19 M. A place for the person's current, valid Maine driver's license number, if 20 applicable; or, if the applicant has no driver's license number, the last 4 digits of the 21 person's social security number, if applicable; or, if the applicant has neither number, 22 a place to put "none" or "not applicable" a place for the registrar to indicate 23 photographic identification was presented as described in section 112, subsection 1, 24 paragraph C; and

25 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 26 legislation takes effect when approved.

27 SUMMARY

This bill amends the voting requirements to add the requirement of having a valid photographic identification card in order to register to vote.