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H.P. 621

House of Representatives, March 5, 2009

### **An Act To Allow an Election Clerk To Request Proof of Identity from a Voter**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HILL of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and  
Representative: WEAVER of York, Senators: BOWMAN of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §29, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **3. Ballot issued.** An election clerk may request satisfactory proof of identity from a  
5 voter before issuing a ballot to the voter. If a voter does not produce proof of identity, the  
6 clerk may designate the voter's ballot as a challenged ballot pursuant to section 673. The  
7 election clerk in charge of the ballots shall give the voter one ballot of each kind to which  
8 the voter is entitled. The election clerk in charge of the ballots may not give a voter  
9 voting with the accessible voting system a ballot. Instead, an election official shall escort  
10 the voter to the voting station containing the accessible voting system, instruct the voter  
11 on its proper use and provide the voter with access to all ballots to which the voter is  
12 entitled. The voter shall cast the voter's ballot using the accessible voting system.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires a voter to produce proof of identity if requested by an election clerk  
15 before receiving a ballot to vote. If the voter does not produce proof of identity, then the  
16 clerk may designate the voter's ballot as a challenged ballot.