

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 189

House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

### **An Act To Require High School Students To Register To Vote as a Requirement for Graduation**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4730** is enacted to read:

3 **§4730. Register to vote**

4 A high school diploma may be awarded only to a secondary school student who has  
5 registered to vote in accordance with Title 21-A, section 122, unless that student is not  
6 eligible to register pursuant to Title 21-A. School guidance counselors shall certify that a  
7 student has registered to vote in accordance with this section.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires all high school students that are eligible under the laws governing  
10 elections to register to vote in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A,  
11 section 122 prior to graduation. School guidance counselors are responsible for  
12 certifying that students have registered to vote.