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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1376, Bill, "An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 453, §12, is further amended to read:

1-A. Identification and proof. Registration applications taken by outside agencies must be transferred to the Secretary of State within 5 days of receipt. An applicant who attempts to register within 30 days of an election must be advised that the registrar might not receive the application before ~~that election~~ the deadline for mail or 3rd-person registration, but that the applicant may register in person before or on election day.

Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from outside agencies 30 days or more before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 7 business days of receipt. Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from outside agencies less than 30 days before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 5 business days of receipt. Registration applications by mail or by a 3rd person must be received in the registrar's office by the close of business on the 21st day before election day in order for persons' names to appear on the incoming voting list for that election. The 20-day period before the election is the closed period for outside registrations. The registrar shall send the notice required by section 122 to all voters whose applications were received by mail or a 3rd person by the 21st day before election day no later than the 18th day before election day.

A person who registers during the 20 days before election day or on election day shall register in person and show proof of identity and residency. If satisfactory proof of identity and residency can not be provided to the registrar or deputy, the person's name is entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list and the person casts a challenged ballot.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4-A by striking out all of the 2nd underlined sentence (page 1, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*B*" to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1376

- 1 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13.
- 2 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 14 and 15.
- 3 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 16.
- 4 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 17 and 18.
- 5 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 19 and 20.
- 6 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 21.
- 7 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 25.
- 8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
- 9 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

11 This amendment restores provisions of law permitting voters to register on election
12 day.

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SPONSORED BY: *B. J. Chipman*
(Representative CHIPMAN)
TOWN: Portland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/06/11 *MAC*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1376

LR 2046(09)

An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B"

Sponsor: Rep. Chipman of Portland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment restores voter registration on election day and removes the provisional ballot process. The incremental effect compared to the original bill is a minor savings to the Department of Secretary of State from not having to review and process the provisional ballot information.