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House of Representatives, January 19, 2017

**An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency
Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, PIERCE of Dresden.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 407, §5, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **7. Uniformed service voters, students, institutional patients, Indians.** A person
5 does not gain or lose a residence solely because of the person's presence or absence while
6 employed in the uniformed service or the merchant marine of the United States, while a
7 student in any institution of learning, while kept in any institution at public expense or
8 while residing upon any Indian or military reservations. This subsection may not be
9 construed to prevent a student at any institution of learning from qualifying as a voter in
10 the municipality where the student resides while attending that institution, except that,
11 when an applicant lists a residence address on the voter registration application required
12 under section 152 that is a dormitory or domicile provided by, or located on the campus
13 of, a postsecondary educational institution, the registrar shall verify the applicant's
14 residency. Residency is considered established when the registrar can verify at least one
15 of the following:

16 A. That the applicant's state identification card or driver's license lists the same
17 address as listed on the voter registration application or that the address is on record
18 with the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles;

19 B. That the applicant has a motor vehicle registered in the State; or

20 C. That the applicant pays personal income tax or property tax to the State.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires the registrar of voters to verify residency when a voter registration
23 application lists a residence address as a dormitory or domicile provided by, or located on
24 the campus of, a postsecondary educational institution. The bill provides that certain
25 requirements must be met to establish residency.