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In Senate, May 14, 2019

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Develop a Plan for
Implementation of Automatic Registration of Nonregistered Persons
Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: SCHNECK of Bangor.

1 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State to plan for implementation of automatic voter**
2 **registration; report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall study and develop a
3 plan for the implementation of automatic voter registration using records transmitted
4 through the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles of persons
5 who are qualified to vote but not registered. The plan must include consideration of the
6 current compatibility of computer systems used by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the
7 central voter registration system as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A,
8 section 1, subsection 6-A with regard to facilitating automatic voter registration and the
9 technical infrastructure improvements required to facilitate automatic voter registration, if
10 any. The plan must address development of security measures to protect the data
11 transmitted for the purposes of voter registration; data uniformity standards in regard to
12 names and residence addresses contained in the 2 databases; and any other information
13 the Secretary of State determines to be important when considering implementing
14 automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State shall submit a report of the findings
15 of the study, including the implementation plan and funding needs, to the Joint Standing
16 Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than February 1, 2020. The Joint
17 Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs is authorized to report out a bill to the
18 Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the recommended plan.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to study the implementation of automatic
21 voter registration. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint
22 Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by February 1, 2020.