

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring  
Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on January 27, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §20, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Name announced.** A voter who wishes to vote must provide proof of identity with  
5 photographic identification documentation approved by the Secretary of State by rule and  
6 state the voter's name and residence address to an election clerk, who shall announce the  
7 name in a loud, clear voice. If the voter's stated residence address is different from the  
8 residence address listed on the incoming voting list, the voter must be directed to complete  
9 an updated voter registration application before voting.

10 **Sec. 2. Rules.** The Secretary of State shall adopt rules establishing a photographic  
11 identification standard for a voter providing proof of identity to an election clerk. Rules  
12 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised  
13 Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity for the purpose of voting with  
16 photographic identification approved by the Secretary of State by rule.