

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 402

House of Representatives, February 24, 2021

### **An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting**

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello.

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 present proof of identity in  
5 the form of a photograph identification document and state the voter's name and residence  
6 address to an election clerk, who shall announce the name in a loud, clear voice. If the  
7 voter's stated residence address is different from the residence address listed on the  
8 incoming voting list, the voter must be directed to complete an updated voter registration  
9 application before voting. For purposes of this subsection, "photograph identification  
10 document" means a current and valid driver's license or nondriver identification card issued  
11 in this State, a United States passport, a military identification or a permit to carry a  
12 concealed handgun issued under Title 25, chapter 252 if that permit includes a photograph.  
13 "Photograph identification document" does not include an identification issued by a college  
14 or university in this State.

15 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the presentation of proof of identity in the form of a photograph  
18 identification document when voting in person. Acceptable photograph identification is a  
19 current and valid driver's license or nondriver identification card issued in this State, a  
20 United States passport, a military identification or a permit to carry a concealed handgun  
21 issued in this State if that permit includes a photograph. An identification issued by a  
22 college or university in this State may not be accepted for voter identification.