

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 251

In Senate, March 3, 2021

**An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 1, 2021. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 BENNETT of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§19-C. Volunteer poll worker paid leave**

4 A state employee must be granted a paid day off in addition to all other earned hours  
5 of vacation time and sick leave and earned overtime accumulation if the employee provides  
6 at least 6 hours of volunteer time on the day of any election assisting election officials. The  
7 Director of Human Resources shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Rules  
8 adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter  
9 2-A.

10 As used in section, "any election" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1,  
11 subsection 2 and "election official" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1,  
12 subsection 14.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that a state employee must be granted a paid day off in addition to  
15 all other earned hours of vacation time and sick leave and earned overtime accumulation if  
16 the employee provides at least 6 hours of volunteer time on the day of an election assisting  
17 election officials.