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In Senate, March 5, 2021

An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden,
HARNETT of Gardiner, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport,
ZAGER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §631-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§631-B. Security of voting places**

4 Municipal officers may prohibit the possession and display of firearms at voting places
5 on election day, except that:

6 **1. Firearm secured.** This section does not apply to an unloaded firearm that is stored
7 inside a locked vehicle within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place if the firearm is
8 stored inside a closed container, a zipped case or a locked firearms rack; and

9 **2. Law enforcement officer.** This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer
10 certified pursuant to Title 25, chapter 341 who is authorized to carry a firearm.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill authorizes municipal officers to prohibit the possession and display of
13 firearms at voting places on election day, with exceptions for firearms secured in locked
14 vehicles and certified law enforcement officers.