

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 751

House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

### An Act To Provide Absentee Ballot Tracking for Maine Voters

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §765** is enacted to read:

3 **§765. Absentee ballot tracking**

4 The Secretary of State shall maintain an online service that allows a voter who requests  
5 an absentee ballot to track the status of the absentee ballot process, including whether the  
6 voter's request was accepted or rejected by the municipal clerk, the date the ballot was  
7 issued to the voter, the ballot delivery method, the date the ballot was received by the  
8 municipal clerk after being returned by the voter, the ballot return method, whether the  
9 ballot was challenged, whether the ballot was accepted or rejected by the municipal clerk  
10 and, if the ballot was rejected, the reason for rejection.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Secretary of State to maintain the absentee ballot tracking service  
13 implemented by the Secretary of State that allows a voter who requests an absentee ballot  
14 to track the status of the voter's ballot from when the ballot was requested to when it is  
15 ultimately accepted or rejected by the municipal clerk.