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In Senate, February 21, 2023

An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford and
Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland,
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison,
SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§14**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §21, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **14. Persons incarcerated in correctional facilities.** The Except as provided in this
5 subsection, the residence of a person incarcerated in a correctional facility, as defined in
6 Title 34-A, section 1001, or in a county jail does not include the municipality where a
7 person is incarcerated unless the person had resided in that municipality prior to
8 incarceration.

9 A person incarcerated in a correctional facility may apply to register to vote in any
10 municipality where that person has previously established a fixed and principal home to
11 which the person intends to return or in the municipality where that person is incarcerated
12 if the person has been incarcerated in a correctional facility in that municipality for at least
13 the 6 months prior to the election.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill allows the residence of an incarcerated person for voting registration purposes
16 to be the municipality where that person is incarcerated if the person has been incarcerated
17 in a correctional facility in the municipality for at least the 6 months prior to the election.