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An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and
Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, HYMES of Waldo, LAVIGNE of Berwick,
QUINT of Hodgdon, SMITH of Palermo, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WHITE of
Guilford, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 246, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Other official documents.** An official document, including, but not limited to, a
5 document confirming eligibility determinations for public benefits, a utility bill, a bank
6 statement, a government check, a paycheck or other government document that shows the
7 name and address of the voter; or

8 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §112-A, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 246, §2, is
9 repealed.

10 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §20, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **1. Name announced; photograph identification.** A voter who wishes to vote must
13 present proof of identity in the form of a photograph identification document and state the
14 voter's name and residence address to an election clerk, who shall announce the name in a
15 loud, clear voice. If the voter's stated residence address is different from the residence
16 address listed on the incoming voting list, the voter must be directed to complete an updated
17 voter registration application before voting. For purposes of this subsection, "photograph
18 identification document" means a valid driver's license or nondriver identification card
19 issued in this State, a United States passport, a military identification or a permit to carry a
20 concealed handgun issued under Title 25, chapter 252 if that permit includes a photograph.
21 "Photograph identification document" does not include an identification issued by a college
22 or university in this State.

23 **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

24 **9. Special voter photograph identification card.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a
25 voter who wishes to vote and who does not possess a photograph identification document
26 may request from the Secretary of State a special voter photograph identification card,
27 which must be issued free of charge and is valid for voter identification under this section.
28 The Secretary of State shall establish procedures through rulemaking for the issuance of
29 special voter photograph identification cards under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant
30 to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
31 2-A.

32 **Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §752, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

33 **5. Form of photograph identification notice.** The Secretary of State shall design or
34 approve the form of notice informing the voter that a copy of a photograph identification
35 document must be submitted with the absentee ballot in accordance with section 754-B.

36 **Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §754-B** is enacted to read:

37 **§754-B. Photograph identification required**

38 **1. Photograph identification document.** For the purposes of this section,
39 "photograph identification document" has the same meaning as in section 671, subsection
40 1.

