

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 677, L D 1690, "An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L D ) by striking out the following "A Any" and inserting the following 'A'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in paragraph A in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th lines (page 1, lines 13 to 16 in L D ) by striking out the following "A voter may apply for status as an ongoing absentee voter in the same manner as a voter requesting an absentee ballot under this section or at any time the voter is able to register to vote or update the voter's voter registration under chapter 3 "

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L D ) by striking out the following "or"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (4) in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L D ) by striking out the following "z" and inserting the following ', or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (6) (page 1, lines 27 and 28 in L D ) and inserting the following

'(6) The designation of the voter's status as inactive in the central voter registration system '

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2

Amend the bill in section 3 in the first line (page 2, line 14 in L D ) by striking out the following "July 1" and inserting the following 'December 31'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes the following changes to the bill

1 It removes the provisions in the bill that allow a voter to apply for status as an ongoing absentee voter in the same manner as a voter requesting an absentee ballot or at any time the voter is able to register to vote or update the voter's voter registration. It maintains the current provision of law that requires a voter to apply using procedures designated by the Secretary of State

2 It restores the requirement that the clerk or the Secretary of State terminate a voter's ongoing absentee voter status upon the designation of the voter's status as inactive in the central voter registration system

3 It removes the provisions regarding the absentee ballot tracking and notification system

4 It changes the effective date from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1690

LR 563(02)

An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S.396)  
Committee Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources