**An Act Regarding Election Reform**

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

**Sec.** **1. 21-A MRSA §111, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6.** **Incarcerated persons.**  A person who is incarcerated in any jail, correctional or detention facility may not vote.

**Sec.** **2. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§14,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §21, is repealed.

**Sec.** **3. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7.** **Form.**  A ballot must be in paper form.

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

**9.** **Identification.**  The election clerk may not accept a ballot unless the voter provides photo identification.

**Sec.** **5. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10.** **Close of polls.**  The election clerk may not accept a ballot after the close of the polls.

**Sec.** **6. 21-A MRSA §683** is enacted to read:

**§****683.** **Vote buying**

A person may not purchase a vote of any other person for money or any other thing of value.

**Sec.** **7. 21-A MRSA §751, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 645, §4, is amended to read:

Absentee ballots may be cast ~~at any election by any voter who requests an absentee~~ ~~ballot as provided under this subchapter. The voter need not specify a reason to receive an~~ ~~absentee ballot~~ only by a person who is unable to vote, the reason for which must be certified by the person. An absentee ballot under this chapter must be collected and delivered by 2 other people, both of whom must certify the collection and delivery.

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the voting laws in the following ways. It:

1. Prohibits incarcerated persons from voting;

2. Requires ballots to be in paper form;

3. Requires photo identification to vote;

4. Prohibits accepting ballots after the polls close;

5. Prohibits the buying of a vote by another person for money or any other thing of value; and

6. Allows absentee voting only for a person who is unable to vote, the reason for which is certified by the person, and requires 2 other persons to collect and deliver the ballot, each of whom must certify the collection and delivery.