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An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §752, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 357, §8, is further amended to read:

At least 3 months before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of dated absentee ballot applications. A reasonable time, not less than 30 days unless an emergency exists, before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of absentee ballots and postage prepaid return envelopes.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Secretary of State, when providing municipalities with absentee ballots, to also provide postage prepaid return envelopes for those absentee ballots.