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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 158, L.D. 237, “An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Strengthen Voter Registration and List Maintenance by Use of a Mass Mailing'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §161-A is enacted to read:

§161-A. Responsibilities of Secretary of State

Within the limits of available funds, at least every 4 years the Secretary of State shall conduct a voter list maintenance mass mailing for the purpose of updating voter information that complies with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and uses voter registration information obtained pursuant to section 161, subsection 2-B or otherwise uses a uniform, nondiscriminatory mass mailing effort to identify voters who have moved outside their listed municipality of residence.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for 3 Elections Coordinator positions and related costs to constitute the voter registration and list maintenance unit within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions. The new unit will support voter registration and voter list maintenance activities as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 3.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	Personal Services	\$263,134	\$274,984
2	All Other	\$190,851	\$169,806
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$453,985</u>	<u>\$444,790</u>

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

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SUMMARY

9 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to
10 conduct, at least every 4 years and within available funds, a voter list maintenance mass
11 mailing that complies with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and uses voter
12 registration information obtained through a membership agreement with a nonprofit
13 corporation of member states for periodic sharing of voter registration information or
14 otherwise uses a uniform, nondiscriminatory mass mailing effort to identify voters who
15 have moved outside their listed municipality of residence. The amendment also establishes
16 3 new positions within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations,
17 Elections and Commissions for the purpose of establishing the voter registration and list
18 maintenance unit to support voter registration and voter list maintenance activities as
19 required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 3.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)