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**An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for
Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections
to 16 Years of Age**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth,
RIELLY of Westbrook, SACHS of Freeport, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN
of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §111, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 387, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Age.** The Except as provided in Title 30-A, section 2501, subsection 2, the person
5 must be at least 18 years of age, except that, to vote in a political party's primary election
6 or municipal caucus, the person must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the next
7 general election.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2501, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §10 and
9 Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

10 **2. Qualifications for voting.** The qualifications for voting in a municipal election
11 conducted under this Title are governed solely by Title 21-A, section 111, except that a
12 person must be at least 16 years of age to vote in a municipal election conducted under this
13 Title.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill lowers the voting age for municipal elections to 16 years of age.