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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 804, L.D. 1126, “An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process”

Amend the bill by striking out all of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 2 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in Part A in section 4 in subsection 1 in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "available on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 6 in the first indented paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 7 in the first indented paragraph in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 2, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 8 in subsection 1 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 40 and 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 9 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 3, lines 4 and 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 9 the following:
'**Sec. A-10. 21-A MRSA §145, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 310, §9, is further amended to read:

2. Reenrollment after withdrawal. A voter may not enroll in a different party but may enroll in the same party within 15 days after ~~filing a written request for withdrawal~~ withdrawing from a party under this section.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in Part A in section 10 in subsection 1 in the 4th line (page 3, line 13 in
2 L.D.) by striking out the following: "through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible
3 website"

4 Amend the bill in Part A in section 10 in subsection 1 in paragraph K in the 2nd and
5 3rd lines (page 3, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "through the
6 Secretary of State's publicly accessible website"

7 Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 12 and inserting the following:

8 '**Sec. A-12. 21-A MRSA §152, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

9 **6. Design of online voter registration application; rulemaking.** The Secretary of
10 State shall design the online voter registration application that meets the requirements of
11 subsection 1 and that can be submitted online through the Secretary of State's publicly
12 accessible website. The online registration application must be designed to prevent an
13 applicant from registering to vote unless the applicant discloses a current, valid Maine
14 driver's license number or nondriver identification number or the last 4 digits of the
15 applicant's social security number.

16 The Secretary of State shall adopt rules governing the online voter registration process,
17 which must, at a minimum, include the following:

18 A. A process for informing an applicant who discloses a current, valid Maine driver's
19 license number or nondriver identification card number that disclosure of that number
20 constitutes consent to the use of the applicant's signature on the driver's license or
21 nondriver identification card for all purposes for which a signature on a written
22 application for voter registration is used under this Title;

23 B. A process for an applicant who discloses the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
24 security number to include with the online voter registration application an electronic
25 image of the applicant's signature and for the applicant to consent to the use of that
26 electronic image of the applicant's signature for all purposes for which a signature on
27 a written application for voter registration is used under this Title;

28 C. A process for transmitting any driver's license number or nondriver identification
29 card number from an online voter registration application along with the applicant's
30 name and date of birth to the central voter registration system and for determining
31 whether the information entered in the central voter registration system matches the
32 information in the driver's license or nondriver identification card records maintained
33 by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and, if a match
34 is found, for transmitting an electronic image of the applicant's signature on that driver's
35 license or nondriver identification card from the bureau to the central voter registration
36 system;

37 D. A process for matching the last 4 digits of a social security number provided in an
38 online voter registration application and the applicant's name and date of birth with the
39 information available from the United States Social Security Administration;

40 E. A process for transmitting the contents of each online voter registration application
41 and the electronic image of the signature of that applicant to the appropriate registrar
42 of voters;

1 F. Minimum procedures and security measures for ensuring the accuracy and security
2 of online voter registration applications;

3 G. A process and form for a registered voter whose name is changed by marriage or
4 other process of law or who has moved within a municipality to notify the appropriate
5 registrar of voters pursuant to section 129 of the registered voter's new name or address
6 through the online voter registration application; and

7 H. A process and form for a registered voter to enroll in a party pursuant to section
8 142, to change the voter's party enrollment pursuant to section 144 or to withdraw from
9 a party pursuant to section 145 through the online voter registration application.

10 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
11 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. A-13. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

15 **Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

16 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted programming costs to implement
17 online voter registration.

18 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
19 All Other	\$0	\$259,000
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$259,000

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23 Amend the bill in Part A in section 13 in the first line (page 5, line 21 in L.D.) by
24 striking out the following: "Part takes effect January" and inserting the following: 'Act takes
25 effect November'

26 Amend the bill by striking out all of Part B.

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

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the date on
31 which online voter registration applications must be accepted to November 1, 2023. The
32 amendment eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State study the feasibility of
33 implementing a system for 3rd-party organizations to collect and to submit electronic voter
34 registration applications to the Secretary of State. The amendment also adds an
35 appropriations and allocations section.

36 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

37 (See attached)