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An Act Regarding Election Reform

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

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

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

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

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6 repealed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **§683. Vote buying**

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

19 **Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §751, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 645, §4,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

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

26 **SUMMARY**

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

28 1. Prohibits incarcerated persons from voting;

29 2. Requires ballots to be in paper form;

30 3. Requires photo identification to vote;

31 4. Prohibits accepting ballots after the polls close;

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

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