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An Act To Allow an Election Clerk To Request Proof of Identity from a Voter

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §671, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §29, is further amended to read:

3. Ballot issued. An election clerk may request satisfactory proof of identity from a voter before issuing a ballot to the voter. If a voter does not produce proof of identity, the clerk may designate the voter's ballot as a challenged ballot pursuant to section 673. The election clerk in charge of the ballots shall give the voter one ballot of each kind to which the voter is entitled. The election clerk in charge of the ballots may not give a voter voting with the accessible voting system a ballot. Instead, an election official shall escort the voter to the voting station containing the accessible voting system, instruct the voter on its proper use and provide the voter with access to all ballots to which the voter is entitled. The voter shall cast the voter's ballot using the accessible voting system.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a voter to produce proof of identity if requested by an election clerk before receiving a ballot to vote. If the voter does not produce proof of identity, then the clerk may designate the voter's ballot as a challenged ballot.