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Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

‘**Sec. 11. 21-A MRS §777-A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 447, §30, is further amended to read:

**§ 777-A.Registration and enrollment**

Notwithstanding the registration deadline in section 121-A, uniformed service voters or overseas voters may register or enroll at any time prior to 5 p.m. on the day before election day by completing a federal or state voter registration application form and filing it with the registrar or the Secretary of State in person, by mail or by electronic means authorized by the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 12. 21-A MRS §781-A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 447, §31, is further amended to read:

**§ 781-A.Absentee ballot application; procedure on receipt**

Notwithstanding the absentee ballot application deadline in section 753-B, subsection 2, paragraph D, upon receipt of an application or written request for an absentee ballot prior to 5 p.m. on the day before election day from a uniformed service voter or overseas voter that is accepted pursuant to section 753-A or section 783, the clerk or the Secretary of State shall immediately issue an absentee ballot and return envelope by the authorized means designated by the voter in the application. If the ballot is to be transmitted to the voter by mail, the clerk or the Secretary of State shall type or write in ink the name and the residence address of the voter in the designated section of the return envelope. The Secretary of State shall provide a return envelope that moves free of postage under federal law.’

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill. It moves the deadline for a uniformed service voter or an overseas voter to register to vote or request an absentee ballot from 5 p.m. on election day to 5 p.m. on the day before election day.