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House of Representatives, January 27, 2011

### **An Act To Prohibit the Issuance of a 2nd Absentee Ballot under Certain Circumstances**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland.  
Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and  
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, COTTA of China, CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING  
of Hampden, DOW of Waldoboro, GUERIN of Glenburn, RICHARDSON of Warren, Senator:  
PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 645, §6, is  
3 amended to read:

4 A. The applicant states good cause, including, but not limited to, loss of, spoiling of  
5 or damage to the first absentee ballot. Good cause does not include an applicant's  
6 decision to change the applicant's vote after the applicant has returned the ballot to  
7 the clerk; or

8 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

9 **9. Ballot returned to clerk.** The clerk may not issue a 2nd state absentee ballot to  
10 an applicant after the applicant has returned a ballot to the clerk, except as provided in  
11 subsection 4.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing a 2nd state absentee ballot to an  
14 applicant after a ballot has been returned by the applicant to the clerk, except for good  
15 cause, and stipulates that an applicant's decision to change a vote does not constitute good  
16 cause.