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House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

### **An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists**

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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 "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CASÁS of Rockport. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 447, §7, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. ~~A political party, or an individual or organization engaged in so-called "get out~~  
5 ~~the vote" efforts directly related to a campaign or other activities directly related to a~~  
6 ~~campaign, or an individual who has been elected or appointed to and is currently~~  
7 ~~servng in a municipal, county, state or federal office, Any person~~ may purchase a list  
8 or report of certain voter information from the central voter registration system by  
9 making a request to the Secretary of State or to a registrar if the information  
10 requested concerns voters in that municipality. The Secretary of State or the registrar  
11 shall make available the following voter record information, subject to the fees set  
12 forth in subsection 2: the voter's name, residence address, mailing address, year of  
13 birth, enrollment status, electoral districts, voter status, date of registration, date of  
14 change of the voter record if applicable, voter participation history, voter record  
15 number and any special designations indicating uniformed service voters, overseas  
16 voters or township voters. Any person obtaining, either directly or indirectly,  
17 information from the central voter registration system under this paragraph may not  
18 sell, distribute or use the data for any unlawful purpose ~~that is not directly related to~~  
19 ~~activities of a political party, "get out the vote" efforts directly related to a campaign~~  
20 ~~or other activities directly related to a campaign. This paragraph does not prohibit~~  
21 ~~political parties, party committees, candidate committees, political action committees~~  
22 ~~or any other organizations that have purchased information from the central voter~~  
23 ~~registration system from providing access to such information to their members for~~  
24 ~~purposes directly related to party activities, "get out the vote" efforts or a campaign.~~  
25 ~~For purposes of this paragraph, "campaign" has the same meaning as in section 1052,~~  
26 ~~subsection 1.~~

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill allows any person to purchase voter registration information. Current law  
29 allows only candidates, office holders, political action committees and other similarly  
30 situated persons to purchase such information.