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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1507, L.D. 2114, Bill, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Secretary of State Regarding Automatic Voter Registration”

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 4 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Application for driver's license or nondriver identification card; creation of pending voter registration record. If an individual applies for a driver's license or nondriver identification card from the bureau, the bureau shall ~~scan~~ record the documentation provided by the individual that provides proof of voter eligibility and, unless the individual opts out under section 234, create a pending voter registration record for that individual, which must be stored electronically in the bureau's database. The pending voter registration record and the record of the accompanying ~~scanned~~ documentation must be in a searchable, auditable format.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "necessary"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the 4th line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "individual," and inserting the following: 'individual that provides proof of voter eligibility.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §232, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 409, §6 and affected by §9, is amended to read:

3. Electronic transmission of voter registration data. ~~Unless the individual has opted out of automatic voter registration as provided in section 234, if~~ If an individual's pending voter registration record establishes voter eligibility, the bureau shall transmit electronically the individual's pending voter registration record to the applicable registrar of voters in a format that may be reviewed by the registrar and converted and uploaded into the central voter registration system.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

2 '**Sec. 4. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised
3 Statutes, Title 21-A, section 232, subsections 1 and 3 and enact Title 21-A, section 232,
4 subsection 1-A take effect January 1, 2022.'

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

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, resolves a conflict in
9 the law by clarifying that, when an individual provides documentation that provides proof
10 of voter eligibility in the course of applying for a driver's license or nondriver
11 identification card from the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor
12 Vehicles, the individual must be given the opportunity to opt out of voter registration
13 before the bureau creates an electronic pending voter registration record for the
14 individual.