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House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters

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 FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton
Township, GRIFFIN of Levant.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §752, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Privacy of voters.** An absentee ballot issued to a voter must be wrapped in a blank,
4 opaque sleeve of paper or other material of sufficient thickness to prevent the writing on
5 the ballot from being visible when placed in the ballot's return envelope.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill requires an absentee ballot issued to a voter to be wrapped in a blank, opaque
8 sleeve of paper or other material of sufficient thickness to prevent the writing on the ballot
9 from being visible when placed in the ballot's return envelope.