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House of Representatives, March 11, 2021

An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RIELLY of Westbrook, SACHS of Freeport, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §111, sub-§2,</b> as amended by PL 2005, c. 387, §1, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7	<b>2.</b> Age. The Except as provided in Title 30-A, section 2501, subsection 2, the person must be at least 18 years of age, except that, to vote in a political party's primary election or municipal caucus, the person must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the next general election.
8 9	<b>Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2501, sub-§2,</b> as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §10 and Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:
10 11 12 13	<b>2. Qualifications for voting.</b> The qualifications for voting in a municipal election conducted under this Title are governed solely by Title 21-A, section 111, except that a person must be at least 16 years of age to vote in a municipal election conducted under this <u>Title</u> .
14	SUMMARY
15	This bill lowers the voting age for municipal elections to 16 years of age

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

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