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**STATE OF MAINE  
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130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 123, L.D. 805, “An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places during Polling Times'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §631-B** is enacted to read:

**§631-B. Security of voting places**

Municipal officers may prohibit the possession and display of firearms at voting places on election day during polling times established in section 626, except that:

**1. Firearm secured.** This section does not apply to a firearm that is stored inside a locked vehicle within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place;

**2. Firearm in a home or place of business.** This section does not apply to a firearm on property of a private residence or place of business that is within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place;

**3. Law enforcement officer.** This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer certified pursuant to Title 25, chapter 341 who is authorized to carry a firearm; and

**4. Schools.** This section does not apply to a firearm on school property that is governed by Title 20-A, section 6552.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, limits the authority to prohibit firearms at voting places to polling times on election day. It removes the

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1 requirement that the firearm be unloaded and stored inside a closed container, zipped case  
2 or locked firearms rack. It excepts firearms located on property of a private residence or  
3 place of business that is within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place. It clarifies that  
4 this section does not alter the firearm law applicable to public school property or the  
5 property of an approved private school.