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In Senate, February 16, 2023

An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRS §682, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §21, is further
3 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

4 ~~These limitations do~~ This subsection does not prohibit ~~apply to a candidate from attending,~~
5 who may attend the voting place and orally ~~communicating~~ communicate with voters as
6 long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. ~~A candidate may not state~~
7 ~~the name of the office sought or request a person's vote.~~

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill removes the restrictions on candidate speech while engaging with voters at a
10 voting place.