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Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Develop a Plan for Implementation of Automatic Registration of Nonregistered Persons Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204. 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 LUCHINI of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representative: SCHNECK of Bangor.

1 Sec. 1. Secretary of State to plan for implementation of automatic voter 2 registration; report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall study and develop a plan for the implementation of automatic voter registration using records transmitted 3 through the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles of persons 4 who are qualified to vote but not registered. The plan must include consideration of the 5 current compatibility of computer systems used by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the 6 central voter registration system as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, 7 8 section 1, subsection 6-A with regard to facilitating automatic voter registration and the technical infrastructure improvements required to facilitate automatic voter registration, if 9 The plan must address development of security measures to protect the data 10 anv. 11 transmitted for the purposes of voter registration; data uniformity standards in regard to names and residence addresses contained in the 2 databases; and any other information 12 the Secretary of State determines to be important when considering implementing 13 automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State shall submit a report of the findings 14 of the study, including the implementation plan and funding needs, to the Joint Standing 15 Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than February 1, 2020. The Joint 16 Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs is authorized to report out a bill to the 17 Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the recommended plan. 18

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to study the implementation of automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by February 1, 2020.