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An Act To Protect Maine Voters from Intimidating Videotaping at the Polls

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Heath & Print

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative VEROW of Brewer and Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, VALENTINO of York, Representative: HOBART of Bowdoinham.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §681, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §35, is
further amended to read:

4 4. Outside the guardrail enclosure. If sufficient space exists, party workers and others, in addition to the pollwatchers allowed pursuant to section 627, may remain in the 5 voting place outside the guardrail enclosure as long as they do not attempt to influence 6 voters or interfere with their free passage. If a person attempts to influence voters or 7 interfere with their free passage, the warden shall have the person removed from the 8 9 voting place. Videotaping in the voting place must be located outside the guardrail enclosure a minimum of 15 feet from a voter being videotaped, including a voter at a 10 location where a person is collecting voters' signatures. 11

SUMMARY

13 This bill provides that videotaping in the voting place must be located outside the 14 guardrail enclosure a minimum of 15 feet away from a voter being videotaped, including 15 a voter at a location where a person is collecting voters' signatures.