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LD 718

I support LD 718 “An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status.”

This is common sense legislation. It makes sense to have ballots limited to residents of the municipality. Currently those age 65 or older or, who self-identify as having a disability, can complete an application for an “ongoing absentee ballot status” to have a ballot sent to them forever which doesn’t make sense. We know that voter status can change, people move, die, or change parties. Who gets that ongoing supplied ballot if the voter moves or dies?

This would be a move towards ensuring integrity in our elections and generating confidence in our elections. This bill, once enacted, would be a great help in restoring registered voters’ faith in our election integrity.

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