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Updated testimony

I oppose LD 805, “An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places”.

My rights do not end where others fear and feelings begin.

Title 25: INTERNAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Part 5: PUBLIC SAFETY
Chapter 252-A: FIREARMS REGULATION

1. Preemption. The State intends to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of firearms, components, ammunition and supplies. Except as provided in subsection 3, any existing or future order, ordinance, rule or regulation in this field of any political subdivision of the State is void.

[PL 1989, c. 359 (NEW).]

2. Regulation restricted. Except as provided in subsection 3, no political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, townships and village corporations, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration, taxation or any other matter pertaining to firearms, components, ammunition or supplies.

As noted above, this bill is 100% contrary to Maine’s preemption law, and would do absolutely nothing to make people safer, as deranged individuals are not deterred by a “no guns allowed” sign. In fact, it would only make Maine citizens less safe by restricting their right to self-protection. It will create confusion, turn law abiding citizens into criminals due to different laws in every municipality, and be impossible to enforce.

There are already laws on the books regarding voter intimidation. How about we enforce existing laws if there really is a problem?

Again, I oppose LD 805, “An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places”, and it “ought not to pass”.