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LD 1138

I oppose LD 1138, “An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards”, and it “ought not to pass”.

As I understand it, this bill removes the legal presence requirement to obtain a driver's license or nondriver identification card. The bill removes the requirement that an applicant for a driver's license provide written proof that the applicant is ineligible to receive a social security number if the applicant is not providing a social security number on the application for a driver's license. The bill repeals provisions that require a driver's license or nondriver identification card issued to an applicant who is not a citizen or a legal permanent resident of the United States to expire coterminously with the applicant's authorized duration of stay or the otherwise applicable expiration date of the license or card, whichever occurs first. The bill requires the Secretary of State to accept only identity documents for an applicant for a driver's license or nondriver identification card that are unexpired or do not have an expiration date.

What's next? Because they possess a driver's license, non-Maine/US citizens will be permitted to vote in our elections? Although noncitizens are not legally able to vote in federal elections, registrars of voters are not required to check the immigration status of voter registration applicants.

Noncitizens who would be eligible to receive a driver's license or state ID without proving legal presence in the U.S. under Talbot Ross' bill, if passed, would therefore be able to illegally register to vote in Maine.

How about going through the process to become a legal US citizen first?

This is nothing more than buying votes.

Again, I oppose LD 1138, “An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards”, and it “ought not to pass”.