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LD 175

I express my strong support for LD 175, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections,” and firmly believe it “ought to pass.”

This resolution seeks to amend the Constitution of Maine to explicitly state that only U.S. citizens who are 18 years of age or older and residents of Maine are eligible to vote for Governor, Senators, Representatives, and in any municipal election within their city, town, or plantation of residence. The proposed amendment includes an exception for individuals under guardianship due to mental illness.

This legislation is rooted in common sense. Reports from The Maine Wire have revealed instances where non-citizens have either voted or had votes cast on their behalf in prior elections. Concerns regarding election and voter integrity have been raised at both the national and state levels. It is difficult to understand why any government or municipality would resist measures designed to ensure that only eligible voters participate in the electoral process.

Enacting this bill into law would go a long way in restoring Maine citizens’ confidence that the voter rolls are accurate and include only those legally authorized to vote.

Once again, I wholeheartedly support LD 175 and urge its passage.