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**STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1232, L.D. 1730, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 9th indented paragraph (page 1, line 34 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 23 to 27 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 23. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 568, §14, are further amended to read:

A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day; or

B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day.

Sec. 24. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 447, §22, is further amended to read:

3. Advertising prohibited. A person may not display advertising material; operate an advertising medium, including a sound amplification device; or display or distribute campaign literature, posters, palm cards, buttons, badges or stickers containing a candidate's name or otherwise intending to influence the opinion of any voter regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day on any public property located within 250 feet of the entrance to either the voting place or the building in which the registrar's office is located. The term "sound amplification device" includes, but is not limited to, sound trucks, loudspeakers and blowhorns.

A. This subsection does not apply to advertising material on automobiles traveling to and from the voting place for the purposes of voting. It does not prohibit a person who is at the polls solely for the purpose of voting from wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the button does not exceed 3 inches.

B. Nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising may be allowed at the discretion of the clerk if arrangements are made prior to election day. If arrangements are not made in advance of the election day, the warden may, at the warden's discretion, either allow or prohibit nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising.'

1 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
2 or section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment clarifies that a person may not engage in improper influence or
5 advertising on public property within 250 feet of a voting place regarding a candidate for
6 an office that is on the ballot for the election being held that day.

7 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

8 **(Representative SCHNECK)**

9 **TOWN: Bangor**