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An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§19-C. Volunteer poll worker paid leave**

4 A state employee must be granted a paid day off in addition to all other earned hours
5 of vacation time and sick leave and earned overtime accumulation if the employee provides
6 at least 6 hours of volunteer time on the day of any election assisting election officials. The
7 Director of Human Resources shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Rules
8 adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter
9 2-A.

10 As used in section, "any election" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1,
11 subsection 2 and "election official" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1,
12 subsection 14.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that a state employee must be granted a paid day off in addition to
15 all other earned hours of vacation time and sick leave and earned overtime accumulation if
16 the employee provides at least 6 hours of volunteer time on the day of an election assisting
17 election officials.