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## **An Act Concerning Student Voter Registration**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 407, §5, is further amended to read:

**7. Uniformed service voters, students, institutional patients, Indians.** A person does not gain or lose a residence solely because of the person's presence or absence while employed in the uniformed service or the merchant marine of the United States, while a student in any institution of learning, while kept in any institution at public expense or while residing upon any Indian or military reservations. ~~This subsection may not be construed to prevent a student at any institution of learning from qualifying as a voter in the municipality where the student resides while attending that institution.~~ A student is not a resident of a municipality where the student resides if the student lives in housing owned by an institution of learning while attending the institution unless the student lived in that municipality prior to attending the institution.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a student from claiming residency for voting purposes in the municipality where the student resides if the student lives in housing owned by an institution of learning while attending that institution unless the student lived in the municipality prior to attending that institution.