

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 559

H. P. 454

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Instruction Posting under the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 572 is amended to read:

§ 572. Instruction posters for voters

The Secretary of State shall prepare instruction posters to guide voters in ~~obtaining and replacing spoiled ballots, correct marking of ballots, including write-in procedure,~~ and to inform them of the penalties for illegal voting.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 573 is enacted to read:

§ 573. Instruction posters printed in French language

The Secretary of State shall prepare instruction posters, pursuant to section 572, printed in the French language in suitable numbers, for use on request by clerks in French-speaking communities.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 603, sub-§ 2 is amended by inserting after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

An instruction poster pursuant to sections 572 and 573 shall be securely placed at eye level above the shelf for the purpose of aiding the voter.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 704, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 371, is repealed as follows:

~~Such ballot instruction sheets may also be used as instruction posters pursuant to section 572~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide the preparation of instruction posters to assist voters in replacing spoiled ballots and the correct marking of ballots, including write-in procedures. It would also provide for posters to be printed in the French language for use in French-speaking communities. Instruction posters would be securely placed at eye level above the shelf for the purpose of aiding the voter.