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No. 230

S. P. 121

In Senate, January 31, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Pertaining to Absentee Voting.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1252, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 623, § 24-C, is amended to read:

At least 3 months before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of ~~dated~~ absentee ballot applications.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 718, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Content of application. The application shall contain a place for the following: Name of applicant, address, ward and precinct, address to which ballot is to be sent, name of party in which he is or desires to be enrolled, date of application and signature of applicant. It shall state that the applicant is requesting an absentee ballot because he will be unable to cast a ballot in person on election day, the name of a person to whom his ballot may be delivered and a place for the registrar to certify whether the applicant is registered and the party in which he is or desires to be enrolled.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 623, § 24-D, is amended to read:

1. Applications available. On request, the clerk shall furnish a reasonable number of ballot applications to any person ~~provided that the date of the election for which such application shall be used is plainly printed on its face and that no application shall be furnished more than 3 months prior to the election for which such application shall be used.~~

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 2, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 500, § 1, is repealed as follows:

~~The clerk shall issue to any 3rd person so designated only enough absentee ballots to insure that such a person shall not be in possession at any time of more than 40 absentee ballots for voters in a municipality~~

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 3, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 500, § 2, is repealed as follows:

~~The clerk shall keep a list of the 3rd persons, designated in applications or requests, to whom absentee ballots are sent or delivered pursuant to subsection 2 and of the number of absentee ballots sent or delivered to such persons. Such 3rd persons shall not be in possession at any time of more than 40 absentee ballots for voters in a municipality~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to amend the procedures for absentee voting.