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| 1 2 | FIRST REGULAR SESSION |
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| 3 4 | ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE |
| 5 6 | Legislative Document No. 937 |
| 7 | H.P. 728 House of Representatives, March 1, 1983 |
| 8 9 | Referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. |
| 10 | EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk |
| | Presented by Representative Andrews of Portland. Cosponsor: Representative Soule of Westport. |
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| ,12 13 | STATE OF MAINE |
| 14 15 16 | IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE |
| 17 18 19 | AN ACT to Make Voting Places more Accessible to the Elderly and Handicapped. |
| 20 21 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
| 22 23 | <pre>Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §604, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 165, §2, is amended to read:</pre> |
| 24 25 26 27 28 29 | A. Accessible voting place. "Accessible voting place" means a voting place in a building which has at least one entrance that provides access; by ramp or otherwise, to physically handicapped or elderly voters and in which the voting place is located on the first floor or is accessible by |
| 30 31 32 | elevator or in a building which meets the stan- dards of construction described in Title 25, chapter 331. |

| 1 2 3 | Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §604, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 233, §§1 and 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: |
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| 4 5 6 | 2. Voting places. Each municipality shall provide at least one voting place which is in a building which is accessible as defined in subsection 1. |
| 7 8 | Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §604, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 219, is repealed. |
| 9 | Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §604, sub-§5 is enacted to read: |
| 10 11 | 5. Voter information. Voter information shall be printed in large type for the visually impaired. |
| 12 | STATEMENT OF FACT |
| 13 14 15 | The purpose of this bill is to require at least one voting place in each municipality to be accessible to disabled and elderly persons. |