

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 218

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7 H.P. 184

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Pouliot of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Telow of Lewiston and Senator Gauvreau
of Androscoggin.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Absentee Voting by Persons
18 Who are Working During the Time the
19 Polls are Open.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 21 MRSA §1, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c.
24 256, §1, is further amended to read:

25 1. Absentee voter. "Absentee voter" means a per-
26 son who is unable to cast his ballot in the munici-
27 pality in which he is registered to vote, for one of
28 the following reasons: Absence from the municipality
29 during the time the polls are open on election day;
30 physical incapacity not adversely affecting his
31 soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits
32 his doing so; confinement in a jail or penal institu-
33 tion; unreasonable distance from the polls, if he is
34 a resident of a township or a coastal island ward or
35 district; working during the time the polls are open;
36 or that the person was engaged in registering voters

1 for that election on election day at the office of
2 the registrar or the board of registration and as a
3 result was unable to get to his voting place while
4 the polls were open.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to allow anyone who
7 would be working during the time the polls are open
8 to vote absentee whether they are working in their
9 own community or in an adjoining community.

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