

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 675

House of Representatives, March 14, 2025

### **An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.  
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HENDERSON of  
Rumford, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft,  
SWALLOW of Houlton, THORNE of Carmel.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§7 is enacted to read:**

**7. Residency requirement.** An applicant must prove to the municipality that the applicant has been physically present for 180 days or longer in the State prior to applying for general assistance. Acceptable forms of proof of residency must include the applicant's name and the address of the applicant's residence or domicile. A post office box or mail drop address is not sufficient. Acceptable proof of residency includes, but is not limited to:

A. A tax return, W-2 form or paycheck stub;

B. A utility bill or a letter from a utility company showing application for service;

C. A contract to which the applicant is a party; or

D. A document issued by a governmental entity.

## SUMMARY

This bill establishes a 180-day state residency requirement for applicants for municipal general assistance.