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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AUGUSTA

October 8, 1935

Robert E. Ahern, Esquire  
Chairman Board of Registration  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

While I cannot give you an official opinion regarding the construction of Section 12 of Chapter 7, R. S., relative to the right of voters enrolling for the first time to vote in the Primary, I am pleased, informally and unofficially, to express as my opinion that the exception stated in the last three lines of said section, takes the voter enrolling for the first time in the municipality, out of the preceding requirements and prohibitions of said section so that said new voter has the same rights of registration and enrollment as does a new voter enrolling for the first time.

It seems to me that any other construction of the statute would deprive many qualified voters of the right to participate in the Primary election.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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