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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AUGUSTA

June 5, 1936

Hon. Lewis G. Barrows  
Secretary of State  
Augusta, Maine

My dear Mr. Barrows:

In your letter of June 5, you ask the following questions:

"May a citizen who has all the constitutional requisites of a voter, other than one who has become of age within the eight months next preceding a primary election, register and enroll at the regular meeting of the Registration Board of his municipality preceding said primary election and vote in that election?"

Answering your question, I am pleased to call your attention to Section 12 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of Maine which is as follows:

"In all such primary elections the qualifications of voters shall be determined by the voting list used at the municipal or general elections of said towns, cities, and plantations, next preceding the primary election and a list of the aforesaid voters enrolled by party designation as provided for in section forty of this chapter, and no person shall be allowed to vote in any primary election unless the name of said voter appears legally on said voting list and enrolment list, except those who have become of age within eight months preceding said primary election, and a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality who shall be allowed to enroll and vote."

You will notice that the exception contained in the last three lines of said section specifically provides that a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality shall be allowed to enroll and vote, which, in my opinion, includes the right to register. Consequently, my answer to your question is in the affirmative.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General