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To Benjamin F. Endres, Esquire, Leavenworth, Kansas
Re: Voting by Inmates of Veterans' Facility

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 4, with enclosed clipping relative to the election contest which is taking place in your county, and which involves the matter of members of the Veterans' Administration Facility and their right to vote.

The Constitution of Maine provides that persons in the military, naval or marine service shall not be considered as having obtained an established residence by being stationed in any garrison, fort or military place in any town or plantation, and our local Veterans' Facility located in the outskirts of Augusta has always been treated on the same basis as a military reservation or fort and none of the men there, including the officials, have ever voted in the town in which the Facility is situated. Many of them, however, use absentee ballots under our statutes and vote in their home towns.

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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