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Honorable Marjorie C. Hutchings  
Youngstown Road  
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Dear Representative Hutchings:

This will respond to your oral request of July 25, 1979 for an opinion regarding the meaning of 30 M.R.S.A. §2054(1) (1978). In particular, you have inquired as to who may vote at a town meeting.

30 M.R.S.A. §2054(1) (1978) provides:

"The following provisions apply to all town meetings.  
1. Each person qualified to vote for Governor in the town in which he resides may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs."

Thus, for the purposes of 30 M.R.S.A. § 2054(1) (1978), a person is a "qualified voter" if he is "qualified to vote for Governor in the town in which he resides." The voting qualifications which an individual must satisfy in order to be a "qualified voter" are set out in 21 M.R.S.A. § 241(1978 Supp.).

Section 241 provides in pertinent part:

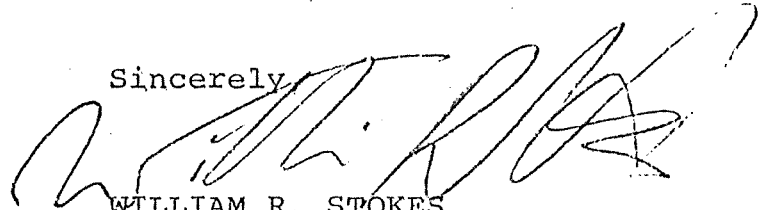
"A person who meets the following requirements may vote in any election in the municipality in which his residence is established.

1. He must be a citizen of the United States.
2. He must be at least 18 years of age.
3. In order to vote in any election, he shall have established a residence in this State and in the municipality in which he resides.
4. He must be registered to vote in the municipality."

A person who satisfies the foregoing requirements is a qualified voter within the meaning of 30 M.R.S.A. § 2054 (1) (1978).

I hope this information is helpful to you. If I can be of further assistance please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Stokes', written over the typed name.

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