

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT** Relating to Applications for and Marking of Absentee Ballots.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows.

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 1252, sub-§ 2, amended.** The 2nd sentence of subsection 2 of section 1252 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

It must contain a place for the applicant to designate the reason for requesting an absentee ballot ~~the name of a person to whom his ballot may be delivered~~ and a place for the registrar to certify whether the applicant is registered and the place in which he is or desires to be enrolled.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1253, sub-§ 2, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 2 of section 1253 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

On receipt of a completed application or a request for an absentee ballot signed by the applicant, the clerk shall ~~send or deliver mail or issue~~ an absentee ballot and return envelope forthwith to him ~~or to a 3rd person designated in the application or request~~. Notwithstanding this subsection, if the applicant within 3 days of an election notifies the clerk that he is incapacitated and desires an absentee ballot, the ballot shall be delivered to the applicant by volunteers of both political parties.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 1254, sub-§ 1, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 1254 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 21, § 1254, sub-§§ 2, 3, repealed.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 1254 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 21, § 1254, sub-§ 4, amended.** The last sentence of subsection 4 of section 1254 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 9 of chapter 451 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

He shall then seal the ballot in its return envelope, and complete the affidavit on the envelope ~~in the presence of the official who shall subscribe his name, note his title and may affix his seal if he is a notary public.~~

**Sec 6. R. S., T. 21, § 1254, sub-§ 6, amended.** The last sentence of subsection 6 of section 1254 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

~~The same official may, at the request of the voter, complete and sign the affidavit on the envelope.~~