

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 491

H. P. 382

House of Representatives, January 29, 1969

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT To Encourage the Use of Electronic Voting Systems by Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1811, sub-§ 8, amended. Subsection 8 of section 1811 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 492 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

To permit any municipality to make purchase of electronic voting devices, as defined in Title 21, Section 1061, subsection 8, through the State Bureau of Purchases, subject to such procedures, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Purchasing Agent with the approval of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1062, sub-§§ 4 and 5, additional. Section 1062 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 464 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding 2 new subsections 4 and 5, to read as follows:

4. Reimbursement. A municipality purchasing or which has purchased electronic voting devices shall be reimbursed by the State in the amount of 50% of the purchase price.

5. Purchase through State Bureau of Purchases. A municipality may purchase electronic voting devices through the State Bureau of Purchases as specified by Title 5, section 1811, subsection 8. No purchase shall be so made unless a duly authorized municipal official certifies in writing to the Secretary of State, on or before April 1st of the calendar year in which the purchase is to be made, that the municipality has authorized the purchase and has appropriated the full purchase price.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for the purposes of financing this Act the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970 and the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.