

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 626

H. P. 472

House of Representatives, February 5, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Voting in Elections by Employees.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 245-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 245-A, to read as follows :

§ 245-A. Voting in elections by employees

Any person entitled to vote at any state or national election in this State shall, on the day of such election, be entitled to absent himself from any services or employment in which he is then engaged or employed, for a period of 2 hours between the times of opening and closing the polls. Such voter shall not, because of so absenting himself, be liable to any penalty. His employer may specify the hours during which such employee may absent himself. Any person or corporation who shall refuse to any employee the privilege conferred, or shall discharge or threaten to discharge any employee for absenting himself from his work for the purpose of said election, or shall cause any employee to suffer any penalty or deduction of wages because of the exercise of such privilege, or who shall, directly or indirectly, violate this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.