

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1154

H. P. 842

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McCloskey of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Clarifying the Eligibility of Maine Students Attending Institutions
of Higher Learning in Maine to Vote.**

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

R. S., T. 21, § 241, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, additional. Subsection 4 of section 241 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph A, to read as follows:

A. A student, who is enrolled in and attending a college, university or other institution of higher education in the State of Maine and who is residing away from the campus of such college, university or institution shall be presumed to have established a residence in the municipality in which he is living if he filed with the registrar an affidavit declaring his intention to reside in that municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intention of this legislation to clarify the eligibility of students to vote who are attending colleges, universities or other institutions of higher education in the State of Maine. Presently, even though a student may be living off campus and fully intends to make the municipality where he is living his residence, he may be denied the right to register to vote because it is difficult to determine whether he is a resident. The legislation would create a presumption that after the filing of an affidavit declaring intention to reside in the municipality, the student would be considered a resident and, if he met the other qualifications, would be entitled to vote.