

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 127

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control and ordered printed.

In Senate, January 23, 1973

Sent down for concurrence

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Olfene of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Permitting Liquor Licensed Premises and State Liquor Stores to Remain Open on Election Day and Court Holidays and Regulating Business Hours.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 28, § 4, amended. The 3rd sentence of the first paragraph of section 4 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows: ~~Liquor may be sold in any municipality on the day of holding a general election or state wide primary only after the closing of the polls in such municipality.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 154, amended. Section 154 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 154. Business hours

State stores shall not be open on Sundays ~~court holidays, or on the day of the holding of a general election or state wide primary~~, or between the hours of 8 to p.m. and 9 a.m., ~~except during the time when eastern daylight time is in effect, state liquor stores may be opened at 8 a.m., standard time, and except on Saturdays when, if open, they may be kept open until 10 p.m., and the commission and the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages is authorized to regulate the opening and closing hours of each store within the provisions of this Title.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to allow licensees and State liquor stores to remain open on election day and court holidays. Our neighboring states do so. It would result in increased revenue.