

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 460

H. P. 345

House of Representatives, January 30, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pratt of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Circulating Specimen or Sample Election Ballots.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 1579, sub-§ 28, amended. Subsection 28 of section 1579 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 215 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

28. Unofficial specimen or sample ballot. A person, candidate or political committee who prepares or circulates a paper in the form of a ballot or a part thereof on which is imprinted the words **SPECIMEN BALLOT, SAMPLE BALLOT** or any other words which by implication represent the paper to be an actual reproduction of an official ballot, or any portion thereof, or the instructions in section 701, subsection 2, paragraph A or section 702, subsection 2, paragraph C.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Extensive use of facimile ballots, marked "sample" to circumvent the statutes which prohibit the use of the word "specimen" ballot, was evident in the 1972 election year. This measure would further protect the electorate from misuse or confusion through use of simulated official state ballots.