

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1182

H. P. 895

House of Representatives, February 28, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snowe of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Size of Voting Places.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 602, sub-§ 4, additional. Section 602 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 4 to read as follows:

4. Size. Municipalities must provide a polling place of sufficient size to allow at least one worker from each political party to remain outside the guardrail for the purpose of checking voters, challenging voters or viewing. Upon written complaint to the Secretary of State by the chairman of either state committee no later than 7 days prior to an election, the Secretary of State shall authorize an inspection of the polling place deemed to be too small to allow party workers access. If the Secretary of State finds a polling place to be too small to allow party workers access, he shall instruct the municipal officers to change the location of the polling place to one of a suitable size. The municipal officers must advertise the change of the polling place in the daily newspaper that covers the area.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide polling places of sufficient size to allow party workers access.