

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1500

H. P. 1165

House of Representatives, March 15, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dunleavy of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Elimination of Waiting Periods to Registration and Enrollment of Voters Who are in the Armed Services or Students.

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

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

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if a citizen of the United States shall have moved to this State or to a municipality in this State from another place, whether or not said citizen is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty stationed at a military installation at or near said municipality, or that person's spouse, or a student attending an educational institution, if otherwise qualified, that citizen may register to vote and enroll in a party if that citizen shall first execute an affidavit under oath that he or she is otherwise qualified and presently intends to permanently reside in the place in which he or she is seeking to register or enroll, and that he or she lives in that place, and that he or she has not voted and will not vote in another place, and the registrar shall immediately accept that person for registration or enrollment and file said affidavit with the registration or enrollment card.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate waiting periods to register to vote if the prospective registrant first signs an affidavit of residency.