

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1583

S. P. 496

In Senate, March 26, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications for Jury Service of 18-year-old Voters.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 1211, amended. The first sentence of section 1211 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 391 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if he: Is not a citizen of the United States ~~20 years old~~ and a resident of the county; is unable to read, speak and understand the English language; is incapable, by reason of his physical or mental disability, of rendering satisfactory jury service; but a person claiming this disqualification may be required to submit a physician's certificate as to the disability and the certifying physician is subject to inquiry by the court at its discretion; or has lost the right to vote because of a criminal conviction.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow 18-year-olds to assume the responsibility of jury duty in addition to their other civic responsibilities.