

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for a Statutory Warning on Applications for Absentee Ballots.

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

21 MRSA, § 1252, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 718, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. Content of application.

A. The application must contain a place for the following: Name of applicant, address, address to which ballot is to be sent, title and year of election at which ballot is to be cast, name of party in which he is or desires to be enrolled, date of application and signature of applicant. It must contain a place for the applicant to designate the reason for requesting an absentee ballot, the name of a person to whom his ballot may be delivered and a place for the registrar to certify whether the applicant is registered and the party in which he is or desires to be enrolled.

B. The application shall also contain the following statement:

READ THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS CAREFULLY

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21, section 1579, states in part: "Whoever commits any act described in this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

13. Failure to vote in person. A person who has voted by absentee ballot but who is present and able to vote in person at the proper voting place on election day and fails to do so;"

By my signature below I certify that I have read the above statutory provision and understand its contents.

(Signature)

The applicant must sign this statement in order to receive an absentee ballot.

The Secretary of State may append to the statement any explanation of the statutory section which he deems proper.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is presently a violation of the election statutes for anyone to vote by absentee ballot when he is able to vote in person at his polling place. Some persons have unknowingly violated this law by voting by absentee ballot when they were not entitled to. This Act will warn an applicant for an absentee ballot against this violation of the statutes.