

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 211

H. P. 166

House of Representatives, January 15, 1975

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Usher of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Make the General Election Day a Bank and Business Holiday.

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

Sec. 1. 9 MRSA, § 131, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 114, § 3, and c. 585, § 11, is further amended to read:

Any day of public thanksgiving, mourning or disaster, proclaimed or appointed by the Governor or by the President of the United States; the first day of January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; the 4th day of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; **Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in the year of the general election**; Veterans Day, November 11th; and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA, § 3204, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 114, § 4, is further amended to read:

No person, firm or corporation shall, on the Lord's Day; Memorial Day, the last Monday of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; **Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in the year of the general election**; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep open a place of business to the public except for works of necessity, emergency or charity.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will make voting easier for working people by making the general election a bank and business holiday. At present, working people have to vote either before or after working hours, which often causes them great inconvenience. This bill will allow working people to vote at any time during which the polls are open.