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#### HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE ONE

## Legislative Document

No. 529

S. P. 155 In Senate, February 5, 1975 Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Jackson of Cumberland.

### STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide Penalties for Officials Who Improperly Subscribe to Absentee Ballots.

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

21 MRSA, § 1579, sub-§ 13-A, is enacted to read:

13-A. Subscribing the ballot of anyone who fails to vote in person. An official who has subscribed under section 1254 the absentee ballot of anyone who is present and able to vote in person at the proper voting place on election day but fails to do so;

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

In the past, some officials have subscribed to absentee ballots of persons who were not eligible to vote by absentee ballot. By providing penalties for officials who improperly subscribe an absentee ballot, this Act will ensure that officials do not subscribe to absentee ballots of those persons who are able to vote in person at their polling place on election day but who fail to do so.