

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1116

S. P. 330

In Senate, March 19, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Corson of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Procedure for Obtaining Absentee Ballots.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 2, last sentence is amended to read:

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.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 2, first sentence is amended to read:

On receipt of a completed application or a request for an absentee ballot signed by the applicant, the clerk shall ~~send or deliver~~ mail an absentee ballot and return envelope forthwith to him ~~or to a 3rd person designated in the application or request.~~

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. After the 10th day prior to the day of election, if any person becomes physically incapacitated and is unable to attend the polls on election day, he may request in writing an application form and absentee ballot. On receipt of a written request signed by the applicant, the clerk shall forthwith mail or deliver or cause to be delivered by a person designated by the clerk an application form and absentee ballot to him.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to enhance and protect the integrity of the absentee ballot voting procedure by eliminating 3rd party involvement in absentee voting.