

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 11, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Diamond of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Repeal Certain Statutory Provisions Concerning
Distinguishing Marks on Ballots.**

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

21 MRSA § 925, sub-§ 3, ¶ B is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to repeal the statutory provision which voids any ballot which contains a distinguishing mark.

While this prohibition was probably originally meant to avoid corruption, it is doubtful if it ever had that effect and it certainly does not now.

In addition, this prohibition too often voids legitimate ballots because of an extraneous mark which a voter might inadvertantly make while voting. This statutory provision is obsolete and should therefore be repealed.