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**Sec. 5.** 21 MRSA, § 1254, sub-§ 4, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 451, § 9, is further amended to read:

He shall then seal the ballot in its return envelope and complete the affidavit on the envelope ~~in the presence of the official who shall subscribe his name, note his title and may affix his seal if he is a notary public.~~

**Sec. 6.** 21 MRSA § 1254, sub-§ 5, 1st sentence is amended to read:

The voter shall then complete the address on the envelope and mail or deliver it personally ~~or by agent~~ to the clerk of the municipality of which he is a resident.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates the 3rd person in handling of an absentee ballot, thereby assuring privacy to the voter, provides for verification by the registrar as there is no verification mandated at present and eliminates the requirement for marking an absentee ballot in the presence of a justice of the peace, notary public, dedimus justice or clerk of courts.