

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 636

H. P. 518

House of Representatives, February 24, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Prohibit Campaign Activities Within 250 Feet of Voter
Registration on Election Day.**

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

21 **MRSA § 892-A** is enacted to read:

§ 892-A. Electioneering

A person shall not influence or attempt to influence another as to his choice of candidate or as to any measure on which a vote is being conducted within 250 feet of the entrance to a place where a registrar of voters or board of voter registration is in session, while any vote or election is in progress. No printed material other than that provided by the election officials shall be publicly placed or exposed within 250 feet of the entrance to a polling place, except as permitted by this chapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will extend the laws governing campaign activities at the polls to the voter registration place on election days. Currently in all communities with only one voting place these provisions already apply. This bill will extend the provisions to cover those communities with more than one polling place since voter registration must occur at some location other than at one of the polling places in those communities.