

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 683

S. P. 219

In Senate, March 2, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator McNally of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Prohibit Voter Registration After 12 Noon on Election Day.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 631, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 782, § 8, is further amended to read:

1. Municipality of 2,500 or less. In a municipality of 2,500 or less population, he shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by the municipal officers on at least one business day during the week before election day. He shall accept registrations in person **until 12 noon** on election day, but not on the business day next prior to it.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 631, sub-§§ 2, 3, 4 and 5, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 414, § 26, are further amended to read:

2. Municipality of 2,501 to 5,000. In a municipality of 2,501 to 5,000 population, he shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 4th to 6th business days next prior to election day. He shall accept registrations in person **until 12 noon** on election day but not on the 3 business days next prior to it.

3. Municipality of 5,001 to 10,000. In a municipality of 5,001 to 10,000 population, he shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 6th to 10th business days next prior to election day. He shall accept registrations in person **until 12 noon** on election day but not on the 5 business days next prior to it.

4. Municipality of 10,001 to 24,000. In a municipality of 10,001 to 24,000 population, he shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

on the 8th to 14th business days next prior to election day. He shall accept registrations in person until 12 noon on election day but not on the 7 business days next prior to it.

5. Municipality of 24,001 or more. In a municipality of 24,001 or more population, he shall accept registrations from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 10th to 18th business days next prior to election day. He shall accept registrations in person until 12 noon on election day but not on the 9 business days next prior to it.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would prohibit the acceptance of voter registration by the registrar after 12 noon on election day.