

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1622

H. P. 1353

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning the Registration of Voters by Justices of the Peace.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 959 is enacted to read:

§ 959. Voter registration applications; notice

The Secretary of State shall, prior to the appointment of any person as a notary public, furnish that person with a copy of Title 21, section 103.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 1022 is enacted to read:

§ 1002. Voter registration applications; notice

The Secretary of State shall, prior to the appointment of any person as a justice of the peace, furnish that person with a copy of Title 21, section 103.

Sec. 3. 31 MRSA § 103 is enacted to read:

§ 103. Application before justices of peace or notaries public

Any justice of the peace or notary public before whom a person completes an application for registration to vote, shall no later than 24 hours prior to the next election deliver that application to the registrar of voters or the board of registration of the municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require that any justice of the peace or notary public who registers any person to vote shall at least 24 hours prior to the election deliver that registration application to the registrar so that the person may have his or her name placed on the voting list in time to vote in that election.

The bill also provides that persons appointed as justices of the peace or notarys public would receive notice of these requirements prior to their appointment.