

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 184

House of Representatives, January 31, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wentworth of Wells.

Cosponsors: Mr. Wood of Sanford, Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk, Mr. Dutremble of Biddeford

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Reimburse Municipalities for the Cost of Conducting State Elections.

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

21 MRSA § 1582, is enacted to read:

§ 1582. **Secretary of State shall reimburse**

The Secretary of State shall reimburse each municipality for those expenses incurred in the conducting of general, primary and special elections for the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In PL 1977, c. 702, the 108th Legislature recognized that Maine law requires municipal clerks and other municipal officials to perform many vital duties on behalf of the State, often without compensation. The major costs of administering general, primary and special elections for the State are currently borne locally. In keeping with the concept that state-mandated activities should be funded on the state level, it is the intent of this bill to reimburse municipalities for their costs incurred in complying with the duties required by Title 21.