

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1126**

H. P. 905

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simon of Lewiston.

Cosponsors: Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, Mrs. Sewall of Newcastle and Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Facilitate Absentee Voting in Foreign Jurisdictions.**

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

**21 MRSA § 1254, sub-§ 1, 2nd sentence**, as amended by PL 1967, c. 163, is further amended to read:

When he is outside the State, the voter must mark his ballot before a notary public having a seal or before any diplomatic or consular official of the United States ~~or~~, before the master of a United States registered vessel of 1,000 tons or more **or before the functional equivalent of a notary public of a foreign country if accompanied by a certificate of that foreign official's authority.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow an absentee voter to mark his ballot before certain foreign officials.