

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1816

S. P. 694

In Senate, January 17, 1980

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Teague of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Relating to the Bonding of Voting Device Vendors.

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

21 MRSA § 1064, as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1064. Warranty required

A municipality may not make a payment on the purchase price of any voting device until the vendor has filed with the Secretary of State, and has had approved by him, a warranty in which the voting device is specified by number, conditioned to keep the device in good working order at the expense of the vendor for 5 years from the date of the delivery of the device.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is virtually impossible for voting device vendors to acquire the bonding now required by law. This bill would require a warranty from the vendor rather than a surety bond. This approach will accomplish the legislative intent embodied in the original law.