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H. P. 35

House of Representatives, December 19, 1980

Reference to the Committee on Election Laws suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wentworth of Wells.

Cosponsors: Mr. Murphy of Kennebunk and Ms. Brown of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Prohibit Voter Registration on Election Day with Certain Exceptions.

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

21 MRSA § 631, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 430, § 1, is amended to read:

The registrar shall **only** accept registrations of applicants who **attain their 18th birthday on election day and who** appear in person on election day.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows only those who turn 18 on election day to register on election day, since the current schedule allows registrars to accept registrations up to the prior business day. The intent is to prevent fraud which can occur when large numbers of persons register on election day.