

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 42

S. P. 41

In Senate, January 5, 1981

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Lower Certain Distance Restrictions on Enlargement of Cemeteries  
and Burying Grounds.**

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

13 MRSA § 1181, 2nd and 3rd sentences are amended to read:

The limits thereof shall not be extended nearer any improved land used for recreational purposes or dwelling house or well, from which the water is used for domestic purposes, than ~~25 rods~~ 100 feet, against the written protest of the owner made to ~~said the~~ officers at the time of the hearing on ~~said the~~ petition. Nor shall any person, corporation or association establish, locate or enlarge any cemetery or burying ground by selling or otherwise disposing of land so that the limits thereof shall be extended nearer any improved land used for recreational purposes or dwelling house or well than ~~25 rods~~ 100 feet against the written protest of the owner.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to reduce the required distance from a well or dwelling house to a burying ground or cemetery lot from 412.5 feet to 100 feet. This bill will allow for much needed expansion in some cemeteries.