

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 135

House of Representatives, January 8, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Baker of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Soulas of Bangor, Mr. P. Manning of Portland, Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Permit Appointment of Deputies for the Purpose of Registering Voters Under the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 43, sub-§ 4, ¶ B is enacted to read:

B. A board of registration may appoint one or more persons to act as deputies in their respective voting districts for the purpose of registering voters. Persons so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 632, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 430, § 2, is amended to read:

In a municipality of 2,500 or more population, the registrar shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by the municipal officers on the ~~2nd and 3rd~~ 10th to 18th business days next prior to election day.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes changes in the law with respect to the registration of voters to correct problems which arose during the recent special statewide election. The

bill permits a board of registration to appoint one or more deputies to help register voters on a voluntary uncompensated basis. It would also set a cut-off date of 10 days prior to a special election, after which time a registrar of a community over 2,500 would not be required to accept outside registrations.