

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 946**

H. P. 792

House of Representatives, February 20, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative J. Diamond of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Representative Nadeau of Lewiston and Representative Kane of South Portland.

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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 Allow for Voters Registering on Election Day to Cast Absentee Ballots in Certain Situations.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 21 MRSA § 631, sub-§ 4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 430, § 1, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

**If the town or city clerk determines that the person does not have sufficient time to reach his voting place before the polls close, he shall furnish the person with an absentee ballot, without the need of an application. The method of voting shall otherwise be as prescribed in chapter 29, except that the person may mark his ballot in the presence of the town or city clerk.**

**Sec. 2.** 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 177, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**The clerk shall furnish a reasonable number of ballots to the registrar of voters for persons who register to vote on election day under section 631, subsection 4.**

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits absentee voting by persons who register to vote on election day but have insufficient time, in the opinion of the registrar, to reach their voting place before the polls close.