

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2

3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
4

5 Legislative Document

No. 8

6
7 H.P. 12

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Election Laws suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
13

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT to Expedite the Handling of
18 Changes in Voter Registration.
19

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

22 21 MRSA §102, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1973, c.
23 68, is further amended to read:

24 4. Notice of new registration. When an appli-
25 cant states in his application that he last voted in
26 another municipality in this State or any other
27 state, the registrar shall send a notice of his new
28 registration, together with the birth date of the
29 applicant and his former street or mailing address,
30 forthwith to the registrar of that municipality. The
31 registrar who receives the notice shall remove the
32 name from the voting list, if he is satisfied as to
33 the identity of the person, and he need not send the
34 notice required by section 172.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to improve the han-
3 dling of changes in voter registration. Current law
4 requires a registrar, registering a voter who had
5 been previously registered in another municipality,
6 to notify that municipality of the voter's change of
7 residence. The only information that is required to
8 be communicated is the voter's name and birth date.
9 With such little information, registrars in larger
10 municipalities have faced the laborious task of scan-
11 ning through the voter registration list of each ward
12 and precinct to find the voter's name. By adding the
13 voter's former address to the change of voter regis-
14 tration notice, as this bill does, registrars will be
15 able to more quickly locate the voter's name and
16 remove it from the list.

17 0097120182