

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 89

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7 H.P. 80

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lewis of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Representative Cahill of Woolwich, Senator Violette of
Aroostook and Representative Handy of Lewiston.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Posting of the
18 Text of all Constitutional Resolutions and
19 Statewide Referenda at the Polling Places
20 on Election Day.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §601, first ¶, as amended by PL
25 1979, c. 534, §3, is further amended to read:

26 Within a reasonable time before any election, the
27 Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality
28 with ballots, specimen ballots, instruction posters,
29 election return forms, posters of specimen ballots
30 for constitutional resolutions and statewide refer-
31 enda, including the Attorney General's explanatory
32 statements prepared under Title 1, section 353
33 posters setting forth the full text of all constitu-
34 tional resolutions and statewide referenda and other

1 materials necessary for conducting and reporting the
2 results of the election.

3 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §801, sub-§2, as amended by PL
4 1979, c. 534, §4, is further amended to read:

5 2. Election materials distributed and posted. At
6 any time after receipt thereof and prior to the open-
7 ing of the polls, the clerk may open the packages or
8 boxes of election materials, break the seals on the
9 packages not marked "ballots," use the materials for
10 instructional purposes, and then the clerk or his
11 designated agents shall post an adequate number of
12 instruction posters, and posters of specimen ballots
13 for constitutional resolutions and statewide referenda,
14 including the Attorney General's explanatory
15 statements prepared under Title 1, section 353,
16 posters setting out the full text of constitutional
17 resolutions and statewide referenda, and specimen
18 ballots in the voting room outside the guardrail. At
19 the opening of the polls, the warden shall break the
20 seals on the packages containing the ballots, and
21 distribute the ballots to the incoming election
22 clerks.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 The purpose of this bill is to require that the
25 text of all constitutional resolutions and all state-
26 wide referenda be posted at each polling place
27 throughout the State on election day.

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