

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION	
3	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE	
5	Legislative Document No. 121	
7 8 9 10	H.P. 114 House of Representatives, January 6, 1983 Reference to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk	
11	Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.	
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14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE	
17 <b>18</b> 19	AN ACT to Improve Voter Registration Access for Potential Absentee Voters.	
20 . 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
22 23	Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §104, as amended by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §66, is further amended to read:	
24	§104. Applications before notaries public	
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	A notary public or other authorized person before whom a person completes an application for registra- tion to vote, as provided in section 102-A, shall deliver the application to the registrar before the closed period for the acceptance of registrations in the person's municipality, to be placed on the voting list prior to the next election; except that applica- tions completed pursuant to section 631, subsection 5 and section 632, subsection 6 may be delivered during	

- 1 the closed period for immediate placement on the 2 voting list.
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Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §631, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

4 5. Alternative registration schedule for absen-5 tee voters. The registrar shall accept registrations 6 pursuant to section 102-A at any time, including 7 election day, provided that the applicant otherwise 8 qualifies as an absentee voter. The receipt a of 9 completed absentee ballot application by the clerk shall establish a presumption of qualification 10 under this subsection. 11

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Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §632, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

13 <u>6. Alternative registration schedule for absen-</u> tee voters. The registrar shall accept registrations pursuant to section 102-A at any time, including election day, provided that the applicant otherwise

16 election day, provided that the applicant otherwise 17 qualifies as an absentee voter. The receipt of a 18 completed absentee ballot application by the clerk 19 shall establish a presumption of qualification under 20 this subsection.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

22 People who become ill or incapacitated just 23 before election day, and who could only vote by ab-24 sentee ballot, are currently unable to register to 25 vote since that must be done in person during this This bill allows these citizens the oppor-26 period. 27 tunity to register and then vote as any absentee 28 voter.

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