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1	L.D. 937
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3 4 5 6	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 111TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
7 8 9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 728, L.D. 937, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Voting Places more Accessible to the Elderly and Handicapped."
10 11 12	Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph A and inserting in its place the following:
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	'A. "Accessible voting place" means a voting place in a building in which has at least one entrance that provides access; by ramp or otherwise, to physically handicapped or elderly voters and in which the voting place is located on the first floor or is accessible by elevator or in a building which meets the part of the building set aside for voting meets the requirements for accessible routes of the 1981 standards of construction described in Title 25, chapter 331.'
23 24	Further amend the bill in section 2 by adding at the end the following:
25 26 27 28 29	'A. On or before November 1, 1983, the clerk of each municipality shall certify in writing to the Secretary of State the number of voting places in that municipality which are accessible as defined in subsection 1.
30 31 32 33 34 35 36	B. If the municipality has no accessible voting place as defined in subsection 1, the municipal officers shall develop an interim plan to ensure that disabled persons are able to vote. The plan shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before May 1, 1984. The interim plan shall identify the steps which the town has taken, or will take, to ensure that disabled persons are able to

vote.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	C. Within 6 months of filing an interim plan required by paragraph B, the municipal officers shall file a final plan with the Secretary of State. That plan will ensure that at least one accessible voting place, as defined in subsection 1, will be provided. The final plan shall include a timetable for provision of an accessible voting place in a reasonable length of time, but in any case before May 1, 1988.
10	STATEMENT OF FACT
11 12 13 14 15	The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that only that part of a building set aside as the voting place must be accessible to disabled and elderly persons and that only the accessible route standard of construction must be satisfied.
16 17 18	The amendment also allows for a reasonable period of time for towns to come into compliance with the requirements of the bill.
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