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(EMERGENCY)
(New Draft of S.P. 650, L.D. 1840)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2358

S.P. 867

In Senate, March 23, 1984

Reported by Senator Usher of Cumberland from the Committee on
Election Laws and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Senator Danton of York.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Allow Municipalities to Use
Outgoing Voter Check Lists.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, primary elections will be held on June
12, 1984; and

Whereas, some municipalities wish to employ an
outgoing voter check list in that election; and

Whereas, they will not be able to do so unless
this provision is enacted as an emergency measure;
and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

1 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
2 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
3 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
4 therefore,

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

7 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §861, sub-§5, ¶A is enacted to
8 read:

9 A. If the municipality has required, by vote of
10 municipal officials, the use of an outgoing check
11 list, the voter shall announce his name and, upon
12 request, street address to the election clerk in
13 charge of that list prior to depositing the bal-
14 lots in the ballot box.

15 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1572, sub-§3 is amended to
16 read:

17 3. Appointment of wardens and ward clerks. At
18 least 10 days before the election, the municipal of-
19 ficers of a city shall appoint a warden, ward clerk
20 and at least 4 2 election clerks for each voting
21 place created by the division. Election clerks must
22 be nominated as provided in section 532.

23 A. Exception. In a town, ward clerks are not ap-
24 pointed.

25 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
26 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
27 proved.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this new draft is to allow municipi-
30 palities to provide for use of an outgoing ballot
31 clerk by vote of the municipal officers; and to add
32 an emergency preamble and clause so that the provi-
33 sions of this new draft will be in effect for this
34 year's primary election.

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