

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 87

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7 S.P. 61

In Senate, January 17, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Pearson of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Representative
Melendy of Rockland and Representative Boutillier of Lewiston.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Relating to Absentee Voting for
18 Residents of Coastal Islands.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 21 MRSA §1256, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1975, c.
23 761, §48, is further amended to read:

24 6. Centralized place. When the municipal offi-
25 cers have authorized the counting of absentee ballots
26 at a centralized place at the close of voting in mu-
27 nicipalities with 2 or more voting districts, the
28 check list shall be returned to the clerk for use in
29 processing the absentee votes, except that in the
30 case of the coastal islands, the clerk may direct the
31 island warden, by telephone, to mark the island check
32 list to indicate the vote. The ballot may be counted
33 in accordance with this section. The check list shall
34 be unsealed, used in processing the absentee ballots,
35 and released in accordance with section 992, except
36 that the clerk shall countersign each copy. The bal-

1 lots shall be counted publicly so that those present
2 may observe the proceedings.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this bill is to amend the law re-
5 lating to absentee voting by residents of coastal is-
6 lands. It permits the clerk on the mainland where the
7 coastal island resident votes to direct the island
8 warden by telephone to mark the island check list to
9 indicate the vote.

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