

# 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. 282

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7 H.P. 241

House of Representatives, January 30, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Aliberti of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Roberts of Farmington and Senator  
Trafton of Androscoggin.

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 to Enable Use of Certain Procedures  
18 for Absentee Ballots.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1254-A is enacted to read:

23 §1254-A. Voting in institutions designated by the  
24 clerk

25 Upon authorization of the municipal officers, the  
26 clerk shall designate certain institutions within the  
27 municipality to receive absentee voter assistance as  
28 provided in this section.

29 1. Selected institutions. At least 120 days  
30 prior to the election for which assistance is to be  
31 provided, the clerk shall establish a list of insti-  
32 tutions, in which potential absentee voters are con-  
33 finned, selected to receive assistance. The clerk may  
34 select any institutions he deems appropriate and  
35 which agree to accept that assistance.

1 2. Restrictions. Once institutions have been  
2 selected, absentee voting by those confined to it  
3 must be in accordance with this section, except for  
4 voters who become eligible to cast absentee ballots  
5 after assistance has been provided in that institu-  
6 tion.

7 3. Procedure. At least 35 days prior to the  
8 election, the clerk shall establish a schedule for  
9 providing assistance at each institution, the latest  
10 date for which shall be 7 days prior to the election.

11 A. The clerk may accept voter registration ap-  
12 plications, subject to final approval by the reg-  
13 istrar.

14 B. Voting shall be conducted as otherwise pre-  
15 scribed in this chapter, except that an applica-  
16 tion shall not be required. In municipalities  
17 with electronic voting systems, votes may be cast  
18 using ballot cards.

19 C. The clerk may provide a voting booth and a  
20 ballot box. In those cases, the sealed and cer-  
21 tified absentee ballot envelope containing the  
22 absentee ballot shall be deposited in the ballot  
23 box.

24 4. Notice. Notice of the list of selected in-  
25 stitutions and of the schedule for providing assist-  
26 ance shall each be published within 5 days of their  
27 establishment in a newspaper having general circula-  
28 tion in the municipality.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purpose of this bill is to establish a proce-  
31 dure to handle absentee balloting in certain munici-  
32 pal institutions where potential absentee voters are  
33 confined.

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