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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. 342

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7 H.P. 272

House of Representatives, February 1, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Handy of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Berwick, Representative
Hayden of Durham and Representative Pouliot 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.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1252, sub-§2-A, as amended by
22 PL 1981, c. 436, §4, is further amended to read:

23 2-A. Form of envelope. The return envelope in
24 which the absentee ballot is to be placed shall in-
25 clude on its outside a conspicuously printed summary
26 warning to the voter of the provisions of ~~section~~
27 ~~1258~~, section 1579, ~~subsections 4 and subsection~~ 15,
28 and Title 17-A, section 703.

29 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1258, as amended by PL 1981, c.
30 256, §2, is repealed.

31 Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §1579, sub-§4, as amended by PL
32 1981, c. 256, §3, is repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill eliminates the requirement that a voter
3 who is present in a municipality on election day must
4 vote in person at that election. It allows a person
5 who has already cast a valid absentee ballot and who
6 unexpectedly finds himself in the municipality on
7 election day to avoid voting twice in the same elec-
8 tion. Present restrictions on a person's ability to
9 cast an absentee ballot would still apply, preventing
10 persons from voting absentee when they know that they
11 will be able to vote in person.

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