

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. 343

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7 H.P. 273

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 Boutilier of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Representative Hickey
of Augusta and Representative Warren of Scarborough.

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 Concerning Absentee Balloting by
18 Persons 65 Years of Age or Older.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 21 MRSA §1, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c.
23 256, §1, is further amended to read:

24 1. Absentee voter. "Absentee voter" means a per-
25 son who is unable to cast his ballot in the munici-
26 pality in which he is registered to vote, for one of
27 the following reasons: Absence from the municipality
28 during the time the polls are open on election day;
29 physical incapacity not adversely affecting his
30 soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits
31 his doing so; the person is 65 years of age or older;
32 confinement in a jail or penal institution; unreason-
33 able distance from the polls, if he is a resident of
34 a township or a coastal island ward or district; or
35 that the person was engaged in registering voters for
36 that election on election day at the office of the

1 registrar or the board of registration and as a re-
2 sult was unable to get to his voting place while the
3 polls were open.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The purpose of this bill is to provide automatic
6 eligibility for absentee ballots for persons 65 years
7 of age or older.

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