

# 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. 378

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7 S.P. 139

In Senate, January 31, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.  
9 Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

Cosponsored by Representative Paul of Sanford, Representative Handy  
11 of Lewiston and Senator Matthews of Kennebec.

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 Designate the Day of  
18 the State General Election a State Holiday.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 1 MRSA §123 is enacted to read:

23 §123. General election day

24 The day of the statewide general election shall  
25 be a state holiday. Prior to the holiday, the Gover-  
26 nor shall issue a proclamation inviting and urging  
27 the people of the State to use the opportunity of-  
28 fered by the holiday to vote.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to increase voter  
3 turnout. The bill makes the day of the statewide  
4 general election a state holiday. It is currently a  
5 legal holiday and courts are closed and county of-  
6 fices may be closed. The bill requires the Governor  
7 to issue a proclamation encouraging voters to vote on  
8 that day.

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