

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. 483

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7 H.P. 363

House of Representatives, February 8, 1985

8 On motion of Representative Reeves of Pittston, referred to the
9 Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
Ordered sent forthwith.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Handy of Lewiston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Boutilier 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 to Provide for Uniform Polling Times.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §672, 4th ¶ from the end, is re-
22 pealed and the following enacted in its place:

23 The polls shall be opened at 7 a.m. and closed at
24 8 p.m.

25 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §741, as amended by PL 1973, c.
26 414, §35, is repealed.

27 Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §741-A is enacted to read:

28 §741-A. Polling times

29 The polls shall open at 7 a.m. and close at 8
30 p.m. on election day in each municipality.

31 Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §1255, as amended by PL 1973, c.
32 414, §48, is further amended to read:

1 §1255. Deadline

2 The office of the clerk shall be open a minimum
3 of 4 hours on the Saturday immediately preceding a
4 general election to allow voters to obtain or cast
5 absentee ballots. In order to be valid, an absentee
6 ballot must be delivered to the municipal clerk be-
7 fore 8 p.m. on election day, ~~except in the presiden-~~
8 ~~tial election absentee ballots may be delivered to~~
9 ~~the clerk at any time before the closing of the~~
10 ~~polls.~~

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill provides for uniform polling times at
13 all voting places in the State. All polls will open
14 at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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