

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. 662

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7 H.P. 461

House of Representatives, February 21, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ingraham of Houlton.

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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 a Setup Period Prior to
18 Opening of the Polls.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 21 MRSA §801, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1983, c.
23 385, §2, is further amended to read:

24 2. Election materials distributed and posted.
25 At any time after receipt thereof and prior to the
26 opening of the polls, the clerk may open the packages
27 or boxes of election materials, break the seals on
28 the packages not marked "ballots," use the materials
29 for instructional purposes, and then the clerk or his
30 designated agents shall post an adequate number of
31 instruction posters, posters of specimen ballots for
32 constitutional resolutions and statewide referenda,
33 including the Attorney General's explanatory state-
34 ments prepared under Title 1, section 353, materials
35 setting out the full text of constitutional resolu-
36 tions and statewide referenda, and specimen ballots

1 in the voting room outside the guardrail. At the
2 opening of the polls, or no more than 1/2 hour prior
3 to the opening of the polls, the warden shall break
4 the seals on the packages containing the ballots, and
5 distribute the ballots to the incoming election
6 clerks.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to permit election
9 wardens to open packages containing ballots 1/2 hour
10 prior to the opening of the polls. This permits
11 election officials to prepare all materials prior to
12 the opening of the polls.

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