

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. 868

7 H.P. 598

House of Representatives, February 28, 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 Baker of Orrington.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Reeves of Pittston, Representative Hickey
of Augusta and Senator Sewall of Lincoln.

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 Clarify and Standardize Enrollment
18 Status on Voting Lists.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §171, sub-§1, as amended by PL
23 1983, c. 360, §1 and c. 480, Pt. A, sub-pt. 3, §20,
24 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

25 1. List prepared. He shall prepare a printed or
26 typewritten list, alphabetically by last name, of all
27 the voters of the municipality. He shall add the
28 street address of each voter beside his name and
29 mailing address and proper zip code number. In a mu-
30 nicipality covered by only one zip code, he may print
31 or type the zip code at the top of each page of the
32 voting list. In a municipality which has voting dis-
33 tricts, he shall make a separate list for each dis-
34 trict.

1 A. Enrollment. Enrollment status shall be noted
2 for each voter using none other than the follow-
3 ing: "D" for Democrat, "R" for Republican and
4 "U" for unenrolled.

5 (1) Exception. The Secretary of State may
6 authorize other symbols in the case of other
7 parties formed or forming pursuant to chap-
8 ter 10.

9 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §174, first ¶ is amended to
10 read:

11 The registrar shall record enrollments by adding
12 the party designation of the voter beside his name on
13 the voting list, using the symbols prescribed by sec-
14 tion 171, subsection 1, paragraph A.

15 Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take ef-
16 fect on July 1, 1986.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purpose of this bill is to clarify and stan-
19 dardize the enrollment status on voting lists. At
20 the present time, there is no requirement to stan-
21 dardize enrollment status and a wide variety of sys-
22 tems are currently in place. This bill will correct
23 that situation at a time in the future when it is
24 convenient to make the change to a uniform system.

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