

# 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. 870

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7 H.P. 600

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 Warren of Scarborough.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Walker of Norway, Representative Rioux  
of Biddeford and Senator Chalmers of Knox.

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 Relating to Absentee Ballots.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

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

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

1 board of registration and as a result was unable to  
2 get to his voting place while the polls were open.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this bill is to provide that per-  
5 sons may apply for absentee ballots if they lack  
6 transportation to the polls or if they are 65 years  
7 of age or older.

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