

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. 872

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7 H.P. 602

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 Hickey of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representative Paradis of Augusta.

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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 Include Municipal Clerks and their
18 Office Staff among those Eligible for
19 Absentee Ballots.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 21 MRSA §1, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c.
24 256, §1, is further amended to read:

25 1. Absentee voter. "Absentee voter" means a per-
26 son who is unable to cast his ballot in the munici-
27 pality in which he is registered to vote, for one of
28 the following reasons: Absence from the municipality
29 during the time the polls are open on election day;
30 physical incapacity not adversely affecting his
31 soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits
32 his doing so; confinement in a jail or penal institu-
33 tion; unreasonable distance from the polls, if he is
34 a resident of a township or a coastal island ward or
35 district; that the person is a municipal clerk or is
36 employed in the office of the municipal clerk and

1 will be on duty in that office on election day; or
2 that the person was engaged in registering voters for
3 that election on election day at the office of the
4 registrar or the board of registration and as a re-
5 sult was unable to get to his voting place while the
6 polls were open.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to include municipal
9 clerks and their staff among those person who qualify
10 as absentee voters.

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