

# 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. 1040

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7 H.P. 731

House of Representatives, March 13, 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 Bell of Paris.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Reeves of Pittston, Senator Brown of  
Washington and Representative Taylor of Camden.

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 Amend the Absentee Ballot Law  
18 Concerning Voting by Residents of  
19 Certain Care Facilities.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 21 MRSA §1264 is enacted to read:

24 §1264. Absentee balloting by residents of certain  
25 care facilities

26 1. Procedure. All nursing homes, boarding care  
27 facilities and intermediate care facilities licensed  
28 pursuant to Title 22, and all congregate housing pro-  
29 grams for the elderly operated pursuant to Title 22,  
30 shall establish a written procedure for absentee vot-  
31 ing by residents of that home, facility or program.  
32 The procedure shall include:

33 A. Notification to residents of their right to  
34 request absentee ballots;

1 B. Procedure for processing requests for absent-  
2 tee ballots;

3 C. Hours during which candidates or their repre-  
4 sentatives may visit the home, facility or pro-  
5 gram to meet with residents; and

6 D. Procedures for voting and notarizing ballots.

7 2. Election coordinator. Each home, facility or  
8 program shall appoint an election coordinator to ad-  
9 minister the procedure established pursuant to this  
10 section.

11 3. Review. Any procedure established pursuant  
12 to this section shall be reviewed annually by the  
13 home, facility or program.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purpose of this bill is to require that any  
16 nursing home, boarding care or intermediate care fa-  
17 cility or congregate housing program for the elderly  
18 establish and administer a procedure for absentee  
19 voting by residents.

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