

# 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. 1128

7 H.P. 798

House of Representatives, March 26, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Bonney of Falmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

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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 Concerning the Purging of Voter Lists.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 21 MRSA §171, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1975, c.  
22 761, §11, is further amended to read:

23 2. List current. The registrar shall keep a  
24 list current at all times by adding the names of new  
25 voters and by removing the names of those who have  
26 died, moved from the municipality with an apparent  
27 intention of abandoning their residence therein, or  
28 become disqualified to vote. When the registrar em-  
29 ploys the facilities of the United States Postal Ser-  
30 vice to determine which voters have moved from the  
31 municipality and when the United States Postal Ser-  
32 vice reports to the registrar that a voter has moved  
33 from the address shown on the voting list without  
34 having notified the United States Postal Service of a  
35 forwarding address, the registrar shall remove the  
36 name of such voter from the voting list and shall not

1 be required to send, or to attempt to send, to such  
2 voter a notice in accordance with section 172.

3 If a voter did not vote in the most recent presiden-  
4 tial election, the registrar of voters, within 6  
5 months of the date of that election, may remove the  
6 name of the voter from the voting list and shall not  
7 be required to send, or attempt to send, to the vot-  
8 ers a notice in accordance with section 172. During  
9 the calendar year 1984, the 6-month provision shall  
10 not apply and the deadline for removing names shall  
11 be December 31, 1985.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill allows a registrar to remove from the  
14 voting list those voters who did not vote in the most  
15 recent presidential election. The 6-month deadline  
16 is established so that voters will not be removed at  
17 the last minute before another statewide election.  
18 Since the 6-month deadline could not apply in 1984,  
19 the removal deadline is extended in this year to De-  
20 cember 31, 1985.

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