

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, May 24, 1985

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10 County Government and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored  
by Representative Vose of Eastport.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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18 AN ACT to Protect the Voting Rights of  
19 Township Residents.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §156, sub-§2, as enacted by PL  
24 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

25 2. Voting. He may vote in the town in which he  
26 is registered in any election for offices of or ques-  
27 tions concerning the unorganized territory in which  
28 he resides. He may not vote at a municipal election  
29 or on a liquor option question. If he votes in a town  
30 outside his representative district, he may not vote  
31 for the office of Representative to the legislature.  
32 If he votes in a town outside his state senatorial  
33 district, he may not vote for the office of State  
34 Senator. If he votes in a town outside his county, he  
35 may not vote for any county office. The election  
36 clerk in charge of ballots shall mark a line through

1 the names of the officers for which he may not vote  
2 and add the letter "F" to and initial the outside of  
3 the ballot. If he registers in a town outside his  
4 representative district, state senatorial district,  
5 county commissioner district or county, he may vote  
6 for the offices of Representative to the Legislature,  
7 State Senator or any county office by using a ballot  
8 provided under section 606-A. If he is unable to be  
9 present at the voting place on election day, he may  
10 vote by absentee ballot.

11 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §606-A is enacted to read:

12 §606-A. Special provisions for out-of-district vot-  
13 ers

14 A voter who registers and votes under section 156  
15 in a municipality outside his representative dis-  
16 trict, state senatorial district, county commissioner  
17 district or county, may vote for the offices of Rep-  
18 resentative to the Legislature, State Senator or any  
19 county office by using a ballot obtained under this  
20 section.

21 1. Clerk to notify. The clerk of a municipality  
22 in which voters have registered or enrolled under  
23 section 156 shall notify the Secretary of State of  
24 those registrations and enrollments at least 120 days  
25 before any election.

26 2. Secretary of State to furnish ballots. The  
27 Secretary of State shall provide to the clerk at  
28 least 75 ballots for every 50 votes cast at that vot-  
29 ing place by persons registered or enrolled under  
30 section 156 in the last election of that type. These  
31 ballots shall contain the names of the nominees or  
32 candidates for offices in the electoral divisions in  
33 which the voters registered under section 156 reside.

34 3. Voter to use proper ballot. The election  
35 clerk in charge of the ballots at each voting place  
36 shall insure that each voter, registered in that mu-  
37 nicipality under section 156, who resides in a dif-  
38 ferent electoral division obtains and uses the proper  
39 ballot provided under this section.

