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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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8 H.P. 1106

House of Representatives, May 28, 1985

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11 Warren of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Representative Stevens of Bangor,
Senator Danton of York and Senator Chalmers of Knox.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT Concerning Times for Voter
19 Registration.
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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 §122, sub-§§4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
24 are enacted to read:

25 4. Election day registration. The registrar
26 shall accept registrations of applicants who appear
27 in person on election day. The registrar shall issue
28 to each of these applicants a certificate entitling
29 the applicant to be placed on the voting list at the
30 voting place. Only one certificate may be issued to
31 any person.

32 5. Alternative registration schedule for absen-
33 tee voters. The registrar shall accept registrations
34 under section 152 at any time, including election
35 day, provided that the applicant otherwise qualifies

1 as an absentee voter. The receipt of a completed ab-
2 sentee ballot application by the clerk establishes a
3 presumption of qualification under this subsection.

4 6. Names to be placed on voting list. Except as
5 provided in paragraph A, the registrar shall accept
6 registrations on any business day or other day that
7 the clerk's office is open. The names of any person
8 registering shall be placed on the voting list.

9 A. The registrar shall accept only the registra-
10 tions of applicants who appear in person as fol-
11 lows:

12 (1) In a municipality with a population of
13 2,500 or less, on the last business day be-
14 fore election day;

15 (2) In a municipality with a population of
16 more than 2,500 on the last 5 business days
17 before election day, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
18 and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on at least 3 of these
19 days; and

20 (3) The names of voters registering during
21 these periods shall be recorded as provided
22 under subsection 7.

23 7. Record of names. The names of voters who
24 register by appearing in person before the registrar
25 during the business days before election day under
26 subsection 6 shall be recorded as provided in either
27 paragraph A or B, as the municipal officers direct:

28 A. The registrar shall, after finding an appli-
29 cant qualified, issue a certificate entitling the
30 voter to be placed on the voting list at the vot-
31 ing place on election day. Only one certificate
32 may be issued to any person; or

33 B. The registrar shall, after finding the appli-
34 cant qualified, place the names of those voters
35 on a supplemental voting list. Before the polls
36 are opened, the registrar shall deliver the sup-
37 plemental list or lists to the clerk or ward
38 clerk at each voting place. The inclusion of a
39 person's name on that list will entitle the ap-

