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1 (New Draft of S.P. 61, L.D. 87)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1601

8 S.P. 607

In Senate, May 24, 1985

9 Reported by Senator Stover of Sagadahoc from the Committee on Legal
10 Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Senator
11 Pearson of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland,
Representative Melendy of Rockland and Representative Boutilier of
Lewiston.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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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 Relating to Absentee Voting for
19 Residents of Coastal Islands.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 21-A, §760, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
24 161, §6, is amended to read:

25 3. Incoming voting list to clerk. As Except as
26 provided in paragraph A, as soon as the polls are
27 closed, the ward clerk shall fold, wrap and seal the
28 incoming voting list. This package shall be signed
29 on one of the seals holding the package together by
30 the warden and ward clerk. A ballot clerk or counter
31 shall take the incoming voting list to the designated
32 counting place. The clerk shall select these persons
33 before the election so that the total number from the
34 voting districts is as evenly divided as possible be-
35 tween the political parties. Upon receipt of the
36 voting list, the clerk shall unseal the lists and use

1 them in processing the absentee ballots. When the
2 count is completed, the clerk shall sign each copy of
3 the voting list.

4 A. In a municipality which has an island voting
5 district, the clerk may instead obtain the infor-
6 mation required to process the absentee ballots
7 by telephone and notify the island ward clerk of
8 the names of the absentee voters so that the vot-
9 ing list can be marked in accordance with this
10 subchapter.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this new draft is to amend the law
13 relating to absentee voting by residents of coastal
14 islands. It permits the clerk on the mainland where
15 the coastal island resident votes to direct the is-
16 land warden by telephone to mark the island voting
17 list to indicate that they voted by absentee ballot.

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