

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1861

6 H.P. 1326

House of Representatives, January 15, 1986

7 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
8 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Stevenson of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representative Whitcomb of Waldo and Representative  
Crowley of Stockton Springs.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Open Time for Polls on  
18 Election Day.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 21-A MRSA §626, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c.  
23 277, is further amended to read:

24 1. Opening time flexible. Except in municipali-  
25 ties of population less than 100, the polls must be  
26 opened no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 9  
27 a.m. on election day; except that in municipalities  
28 with a population of 2,500 or less, the polls must be  
29 opened no later than 10:00 a.m. on election day. The  
30 municipal officers of each municipality shall deter-  
31 mine the time of opening the polls within these lim-  
32 its.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill changes the law which requires all  
polls to be open by 9 a.m. so that polls in smaller  
municipalities would not have to be open until 10  
a.m.

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