

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 205

H.P. 164 House of Representatives, February 3, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative TELOW of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Improve Flexibility in the Counting
2 of Ballots.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 21-A MRSA §695, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c.
7 383, §12, is further amended to read:

8 2. Separated into lots. In counting the bal-
9 lots, the election clerks shall separate them into
10 distinct lots. Each of these lots must consist of
11 50 or 100 ballots, except for one lot, which may have
12 less than 50 or 100 ballots. Each municipal clerk
13 must determine the lot size to be used for each elec-
14 tion prior to the close of the polls on election day.
15 They The election clerks shall place with each lot a
16 statement of the count in that lot and the names of

1 the election clerks who made the count. They shall
2 wrap the statement of the count around the outside of
3 each lot of ballots.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 Some municipal clerks have found it less conve-
6 nient to count in groups of 50 than in previously es-
7 tablished standards of 100. This bill allows the op-
8 tions of choosing the most convenient group size
9 while maintaining standard counting procedures which
10 are especially useful in case a recount is necessary.

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