

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 258

H.P. 206 House of Representatives, February 5, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HILLOCK of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives MAYO of Thomaston,
ARMSTRONG of Wilton, and Senator DILLENBACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Election Laws
Regarding Incarcerated Felons.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

21-A MRSA §112, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
161, §6, is amended to read:

1. Residence. The residence of a person is that
place in which his habitation is fixed, and to which,
whenever he is absent, he has the intention to re-
turn. "Residence" does not include the municipality
where a person is incarcerated in a penal institution
unless the person had resided in that municipality
prior to incarceration.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to prevent any incarcerated person from registering as a citizen of the municipality where the penal institution is located for the purposes of voting. The incarcerated person may vote absentee in the municipality where that person was a resident prior to incarceration.

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