

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 460

H.P. 357 House of Representatives, February 20, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative BEGLEY of Waldoboro.  
Cosponsored by Representative CURRAN of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require Voters to Register at Least  
2 7 Days Prior to Elections.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4, as enacted by PL  
7 1985, c. 307, §1, is amended to read:

8 4. Election day registration. The registrar  
9 shall accept registrations on election day of appli-  
10 cants who appear in person on election day became 18  
11 years of age during the 7 business days prior to the  
12 election. The registrar shall issue to each of these  
13 applicants a certificate entitling the applicant to  
14 be placed on the voting list at the voting place.  
15 Only one certificate may be issued to any person.

1 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§6, ¶A, as enacted  
2 by PL 1985, c. 307, §1, is amended to read:

3 A. The registrar shall accept only the registra-  
4 tions of applicants who appear in person as fol-  
5 lows:

6 (1) In a municipality with a population of  
7 2,500 or less, on at least the last 8th  
8 business day before election day;

9 (2) In a municipality with a population of  
10 more than 2,500 on the last 5 business days  
11 before election day, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
12 and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on at least 3 of these  
13 the 8th to 10th business days prior to elec-  
14 tion day; and

15 (3) The names of voters registering during  
16 these periods shall be recorded as provided  
17 under subsection 7.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this bill is to permit local reg-  
20 istrars to close on the last 7 days prior to an elec-  
21 tion. This will allow the registrars time needed to  
22 verify the accuracy of voter registration lists.

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