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H.P. 166

House of Representatives, February 16, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BEGLEY of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York, Representative CURRAN of Westbrook and Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Labor Laws Regarding Union Strike Activities.



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

3 **26 MRSA §596** is enacted to read:

5 **§596. Secret ballot vote required for strikes**

7 **1. Secret ballot votes. No union may authorize a strike**
8 **until it has received approval for the strike by means of a**
9 **secret ballot vote held in accordance with subsection 2.**

11 **2. Notice; form of ballot. A secret ballot vote may not be**
12 **held within 48 hours of any anticipated strike activity by the**
13 **union. Adequate notice of the vote must be provided to all union**
14 **members at least 7 days before the planned vote. The union shall**
15 **provide absentee secret ballots for those who are unable to vote**
16 **in person. The ballot must clearly state the date and time of**
17 **the intended strike activity. Approval of a strike must be by a**
18 **majority of union members who have voted by secret ballot in**
19 **favor of holding a strike.**

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides that a union may not go on strike until a
secret ballot vote by its members authorizes that strike.

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