

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 640

House of Representatives, March 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.

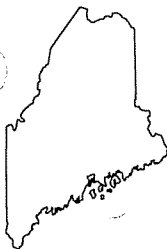
Cosponsored by Representative OTT of York, Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Increase Participation at Town Meetings.

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, nonresident municipal employees are presently
prohibited from speaking without the approval of 2/3 of the
municipal residents present at the meeting; and

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10 Whereas, valuable time is wasted obtaining the necessary
consent to allow nonresident town employees and officials to
speak at town meetings; and

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14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **30-A MRSA §2524, sub-§3, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:**

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24 A-1. Notwithstanding paragraph A, a person who is not a
26 voter in the town but is an employee or official of the town
may speak when recognized by the moderator without first
obtaining the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill permits nonresident town employees or officials to
speak at town meetings when recognized by the moderator without
36 first obtaining the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.