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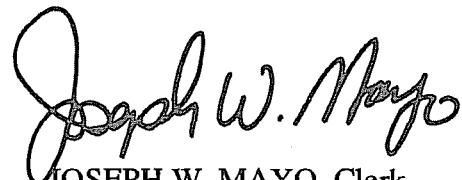
No. 367

H.P. 280

House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

An Act to Increase Unenrolled Voter Participation in Primary Elections.

Submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWERS of Washington, DEXTER of Kingfield, JOSEPH of Waterville, RICHARDSON of Portland, STEVENS of Sabattus, WENTWORTH of Arundel.

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

4 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §340, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 423, §3, is
repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §341 is enacted to read:

8 §341. Unenrolled voter participation allowed

10 Any registered voter not enrolled in a political party may
12 participate, subject to the restrictions of section 144, in the
14 party primary election of that voter's choice without having to
16 enroll in that political party. Unenrolled voters may choose to
18 vote in only one party's primary election. The clerks shall
20 establish procedures to ensure that all qualified primary voters
22 are offered ballots for each party in which primary election the
voters are qualified to vote.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The bill allows unenrolled voters to vote in primary
elections without having to enroll in a party.