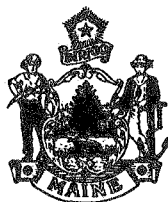


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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1387

House of Representatives, December 18, 1997

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### An Act to Standardize Poll Opening Times.

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Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, McALEVEY of Waterboro, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINKHAM of Brunswick, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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

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**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §626, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §88, is further amended to read:

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**1. Opening time flexible.** The polls must be opened no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 9 7 a.m. on election day; except that in municipalities with a population of less than 4,000 6,000, the polls must be opened no later than 10:00 a.m. on election day. Municipalities with populations of less than 100 may set their own opening times. The municipal officers of each municipality shall determine the time of opening the polls within these limits.

**SUMMARY**

This bill standardizes the opening times for polling places.