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No. 1817

H.P. 1263

House of Representatives, March 11, 1999

An Act to Facilitate the Recruiting of Ballot Clerks.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell. (By Request)

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §503, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 459, §33, is amended to read:

6 **2. Representation of parties.** The municipal officers shall consider the following for appointment as election clerks.

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10 A. The municipal officers shall consider persons nominated by the municipal committees of the major parties to serve as election clerks. Each party shall submit 3 nominations for each ward, district or precinct in the municipality. The municipal officers shall appoint at least one election clerk from each of the major parties to serve at each voting place during the time the polls are open. The municipal officers shall also appoint a sufficient number of election clerks to serve as counters after the polls close. The election clerks must be selected so that the number of election clerks from one major party does not exceed the number of election clerks from another major party by more than one.

22 B. The municipal officers shall appoint at least one election clerk nominated by the municipal committee of a qualified minor party represented on the last general election ballot for each voting place at the committee's request.

28 C. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the municipal officers may also consider persons who are 17 years of age to serve as student election clerks for a specific election. A student election clerk may not assist a voter unless the voter specifically requests assistance from the student election clerk.

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36 All nominations for election clerks must be submitted to the municipal officers no later than April 1st of each general election year. If a municipal committee of a major party fails to submit a list of nominees to serve as election clerks, the municipal officers may appoint registered voters enrolled in that party to serve as election clerks.

42 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §506** is enacted to read:

44 **§506. Employers' duties**

46 Employers are governed by the following provisions:

48 1. Time off from work. Upon request, an employer shall provide an employee time off to serve as an election clerk, ward clerk or warden. An employer may not require an employee to use vacation time, personal leave or sick time for hours spent serving as an election clerk, ward clerk or warden.

