

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 562

House of Representatives, February 18, 2003

### **An Act To Provide Voting Rights to Nonresident Taxpayers**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §111-A** is enacted to read:

**§111-A. Nonresident property owners**

Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is not a resident of a municipality is entitled to vote on municipal budget issues if the person owns and pays local property tax on real property in the municipality. The Secretary of State shall assist municipalities in establishing procedures to implement this section.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2524. sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is amended to read:

1. **Qualified voter.** Every voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs, except that a nonresident voter authorized to vote under Title 21-A, section 111-A may vote only on municipal budget issues.

## SUMMARY

This bill enables nonresident property owners to vote on municipal budget issues.