

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2007

Legislative Document

No. 203

H.P. 174

House of Representatives, January 16, 2007

An Act Concerning Student Voter Registration

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHASE of Wells, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GOULD of South Berwick, LEWIN of Eliot, McLEOD of Lee, PLUMMER of Windham, SAVAGE of Falmouth, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §112, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 407, §5, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **7. Uniformed service voters, students, institutional patients, Indians.** A person
5 does not gain or lose a residence solely because of the person's presence or absence while
6 employed in the uniformed service or the merchant marine of the United States, while a
7 student in any institution of learning, while kept in any institution at public expense or
8 while residing upon any Indian or military reservations. ~~This subsection may not be~~
9 ~~construed to prevent a student at any institution of learning from qualifying as a voter in~~
10 ~~the municipality where the student resides while attending that institution. A student is~~
11 not a resident of a municipality where the student resides if the student lives in housing
12 owned by an institution of learning while attending the institution unless the student lived
13 in that municipality prior to attending the institution.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill prohibits a student from claiming residency for voting purposes in the
16 municipality where the student resides if the student lives in housing owned by an
17 institution of learning while attending that institution unless the student lived in the
18 municipality prior to attending that institution.