

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 166

In Senate, February 10, 2009

### **An Act To Allow Nonresident Property Owners To Vote on Municipal Budget Matters**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

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

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

3 **§111-B. Municipal budget matters**

4 Notwithstanding section 111, a person who is at least 18 years of age and a citizen of  
5 the United States and who is an owner of real property in a municipality may vote in an  
6 election on a municipal budget matter for that municipality. If the person is not registered  
7 to vote in the municipality, the municipal clerk shall confirm the person's eligibility to  
8 vote under this subsection by referencing the municipal tax roll.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows a nonresident owner of real property in a municipality to vote on  
11 municipal budget matters in that municipality as long as the nonresident property owner  
12 is at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.