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S.P. 127

In Senate, January 27, 2023

**An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for
General Assistance Programs**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford and
Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of
Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook,
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15,
3 is amended to read:

4 A. A resident of the municipality. For the purposes of this section, a "resident" means
5 a person who ~~is~~ has been physically present for 45 days or longer in a municipality
6 with the intention of remaining in that municipality to maintain or establish a home and
7 who has no other residence; ~~and~~.

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15,
9 is repealed.

10 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt.
11 H, §15, is repealed.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill establishes a 45-day residency requirement for applicants for municipal
14 general assistance.