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S.P. 208

In Senate, February 6, 2023

**An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for
Municipal General Assistance**

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 Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, GREENWOOD of Wales, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt.
3 H, §15, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

5 **7. Residency requirement.** An applicant must prove to the municipality that the
6 applicant has been physically present for 180 days or longer in the State prior to applying
7 for general assistance. Acceptable forms of proof of residency must include the applicant's
8 name and the address of the applicant's residence or domicile. A post office box or mail
9 drop address is not sufficient. Acceptable proof of residency includes, but is not limited to:

10 A. A tax return, W-2 form or paycheck stub;

11 B. A utility bill or a letter from a utility company showing application for service;

12 C. A contract to which the applicant is a party; or

13 D. A document issued by a governmental entity.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill establishes a 180-day state residency requirement for applicants for municipal
16 general assistance.