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H. P. 615

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Deering of Hollis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Relating to Absent Voting.

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

Section 1. **R. S. c. 9, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of c. 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. **Term "absentee voters" defined.** An absentee voter is hereby defined to be any person who is a duly qualified registered voter and, in respect to any primary election, duly enrolled as a member of the political party in the primary of which he proposes to vote, but who, through absence from the city or town in which he is entitled to vote, **or because of sickness, lameness or any physical infirmity, which is certified to by a regular practicing physician,** is unable to cast his ballot at the polling place where he is entitled to vote, at any city election, at any primary election held pursuant to sections one, twenty-three, and twenty-four of chapter seven, or at any general or special state election as the term state election is defined in section one of chapter eight, including also elections for the choice of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, elections held in accordance with the initiative or referendum provisions of the constitution of Maine, and elections to vote upon amendments to the constitution of Maine.'

Sec. 2. **R. S. c. 9, § 2, sub-section (c), amended.** Sub-section (c) of § 2 of c. 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

c. Envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots specified in clause (a) bearing on their reverse the following affidavit:—

“State of
County of

ss.

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am a legally registered voter in the city or town of _____, in the county of _____, and state of Maine, and entitled to cast within ballot; that I am unable to cast my ballot on election day at the polling place where I am entitled to vote because I shall be absent from said town of _____ on election day for the following reasons: (here insert reasons) _____ or (because of sickness, lameness or physical infirmity); that I have carefully read the instructions forwarded to me with the ballot herein inclosed; that I showed to the undersigned person taking my oath hereto, said ballot unmarked; that I then marked said ballot and sealed it in this envelope, all in his presence and in the presence of no other person, but without his seeing how I marked said ballot and without communicating to him how I voted or intended to vote.

Signature.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above affiant, personally known to me, this _____ day of _____ 19____, in the city or town of _____, state of _____.

I hereby certify that the above statements made by said affiant are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have no knowledge as to how said affiant voted.

(Official seal, if any)

Name.....
Residence
Official Title