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House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1933.

Reported by Mr. Hall from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gross of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Absentee Voters.

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

Prisoners in jails and penal institutions not allowed to vote by absentee ballot. Section 1 of chapter 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, **except when he is serving a sentence in jail or in any penal institution, after conviction, in this or any other state, of a criminal offense,** 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 1, 23, and 24 of chapter 7, or at any general or special state election as the term state election is defined in section 1 of chapter 8, 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.'