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H. P. 1414

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Larrabee of West Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relative to Qualification of Voters.

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

**R. S., c. 6, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 80 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 2. Qualification of voters.** Every citizen who had the right to vote on the 4th day of January, 1893, together with those who were 60 years of age and upwards on said day, and every citizen, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, who, not being prevented by physical disability from so doing, is able to read the constitution of the state in the English language in such manner as to show that he is neither prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write his name, and who is 21 years of age or upwards, and shall have his residence established in this state for the term of 3 months next preceding any national, state, city, or town election shall have the right to vote at every such election in the city, town or plantation where his residence is so established; **a person, becoming qualified to vote by reason of the attainment of 21 years, who establishes a home of his own in a munic-**

pality other than that of his parents and there physically and continuously resides, shall, at the end of 3 months cease to take the residence of his father but shall be deemed a resident of the municipality where he has established said home; and such right to vote at national and state elections in such city, town or plantation shall continue for a period of 3 months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; provided, however, that his name has been properly entered upon the voting list of such city, town or plantation. The fact that the money for the payment of the wages of any person employed by any city or town is derived from relief funds shall not operate to give such person the status of a pauper so that he shall be denied on that account the right of franchise.'