

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 368

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Fellows of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Absent Voting.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, § 5, amended.** The 3rd sentence of section 5 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Said officials shall keep a record in a book provided for that purpose of all voters whose applications for official voting ballots are certified to the city or town clerk together with the date of the execution of the certificate on the application, **however, if in case such clerk (1) believes the signature to be genuine, (2) that the statements are true and (3) that, bearing in mind the distance of the location of the applicant, he deems it questionable whether there is time to deliver such ballot and to receive it back seasonably, he may deliver the ballot to the applicant or mail it to him at his last address as stated on the application.**’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, § 8, amended.** Section 8 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 8. Procedure to be employed by clerk upon receipt of envelope purporting to contain absent voting ballot.** Upon receipt of an envelope

purporting to contain an official absent voting ballot, or physical incapacity voting ballots, the clerk of the city or town shall attach thereto the application for an official absent voting ballot, or physical incapacity voting ballots executed by the voter whose name appears thereon and certified by the registration officials or clerk as hereinbefore provided, **except that in case the application has not been certified by the registration officials or the clerk, the envelope shall not be delivered to the polls**, and the clerk shall keep lists of names and addresses, arranged by voting precincts, of all voters whose names appear thereon, **except those applications which have not been duly certified as required**, together with the date when said envelopes were received, and said lists shall be public records and preserved by the clerk until the time set by law for the destruction of ballots cast in the coming election. All such envelopes shall be preserved unopened. Upon election day before the hour for closing the polls the said clerk shall deliver all envelopes received by him to the election officials **and which have properly certified applications** in the several voting precincts in which the voters named therein assert the right to vote, together with a list signed by him of the voters' names and addresses as shown upon said envelopes.'