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**Legislative Document**

**No. 584**

H. P. 1119

House of Representatives, February 17, 1943.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Morse of Oakland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Permitting Towns to Use Absentee Ballots in Primary Elections.**

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

**R. S., c. 5, § 52-A, additional.** Chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 52-A, and to read as follows:

‘Sec. 52-A. Towns may use absent voting law. Any town that uses the Australian ballot system, so called, at any annual town meeting, by a majority of the legally qualified voters present, may elect to have the provisions of chapter 9 apply as far as practicable to the election of town officers conducted pursuant to the provisions of sections 38 to 52 of this chapter. It is the intent of the legislature to permit towns that so desire to permit absentee voters to vote.’