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H. P. 6

House of Representatives, January 10, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rankin of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Duties of City and Town Clerks in Absent Voting.

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

R. S., c. 6, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. When application is received, clerk to certify to genuineness of application; to keep record of application; if not certified as genuine, applicant to be notified; applications to be preserved and note to be made on check-list. When an application for an official absent voting ballot or physical incapacity voting ballot is received by the clerk of a city or town, he shall ~~forthwith transmit it to the officials charged by law with the registration and enrolment of voters in such city or town, who shall~~ examine it; and, if ~~they believe~~ **he believes** the signature thereon to be genuine and the statements therein made by the applicant to be true, ~~they~~ **he** shall execute the certificate thereon ~~and return it to the clerk.~~ ~~They~~ **He** shall keep a record in a book provided for that purpose of all voters whose applications for official voting ballots are certified ~~to~~ **by** the city or town clerk together with the date of the execution of the certificate on the application. The clerk shall cause to be placed on the voting list, opposite the name of each person to whom an official absent voting ballot or physical incapacity voting ballot is mailed or delivered, and prior to the opening of

the polls on election day, the letters in capitals A. V. If the ~~officials do~~ **clerk does** not believe the signature to be genuine or the statements made by the applicant to be true, and so ~~decline declines~~ to execute the certificate, ~~they he~~ shall forthwith mail to the applicant at his address as stated on his application written notice to that effect, giving ~~their his~~ reasons for so declining. ~~They He~~ shall preserve the application until the time set by law for the destruction of ballots cast in the coming election, at which time the application shall also be destroyed. The clerk shall keep lists of the names and addresses, arranged by voting precincts, of all voters filing applications for absent voting ballots or physical incapacity voting ballots and shall post copies of such lists for public inspection at each voting place.'