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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Registration of Voters in Towns.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 3, § 41, amended.** Section 41 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 227 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 41. Registration in towns having 1,500 or more voters, and in small cities; changes in list may be made on election day.** In all towns, cities not included, having ~~500~~ 1,500 or more registered voters, and in all cities having less than 3,000 inhabitants, the municipal officers shall receive applications of persons claiming a right to vote, on the 3 days, Sundays and court holidays excepted, next preceding the day of election, and on such additional days prior thereto as they may determine, and no application shall be received after the hour of 9 in the afternoon on the day next preceding the day of election, Sundays and court holidays excepted; and no names shall be added to the list of voters on the day of election, by certificate or otherwise, except such as were upon the list used at the last preceding election, and have been inadvertently omitted by the selectmen; and on that day no change shall be made in names except to correct clerical errors therein.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 3, § 42, amended.** Section 42 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 42. Registration in towns having under 1,500 voters.** In every town having less than ~~500~~ 1,500 voters, the municipal officers shall be in session on the day of election to receive and decide on such applications, at some convenient place, for so long a time immediately preceding the opening of the polls as they think necessary, and shall hear and determine any such application at any time before the polls are closed.'