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S. P. 99

In Senate, January 25, 1951.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Voters in Unincorporated Places.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 64, repealed and replaced. Section 64 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 64. Voting. Persons having a legal residence in unorganized territory may, upon presentation to the municipal officers of any town within the same representative district of satisfactory evidence of such legal residence and of the legal qualifications of a voter, vote therein in all primary, state and national elections. Upon approval, the municipal officers shall cause the name of the applicant to be entered on the voting list and check list and the letters "U. T." placed after the name. Such applicant may be enrolled in a political party in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of chapter 4. Both registration and enrolment may be effected on the day of election. No resident of unorganized territory who votes in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be given a local option liquor referendum ballot.

In the case of unorganized territory located in remote sections of the state or in cases where there is no easily accessible town in their represen-

tative district, the secretary of state shall, upon written request of a resident of such unorganized territory, designate the town wherein such applicant may apply for the right to vote and shall notify the proper town officials thereof. The officials in charge of the ballots shall mark a line through the names of candidates for which the voter from unorganized territory is not entitled to vote, note upon the ballot the fact that the voter was from a designated unorganized township and place their initials thereunder.

An elector who shall become a resident of any unorganized territory, or who shall remove from one unorganized territory to another, shall have the privilege of voting in the town where previously registered for 3 months after such change of residence and thereafter as a resident of the unorganized territory under the same conditions as hereinbefore provided.

An elector in unorganized territory, who is unable to present himself because of distance or other good and sufficient reason in the town where registered as a voter, may vote by absentee ballot.

Any person who, having voted in accordance with the provisions of this section, votes again on the same day in any other place shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.'