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H. P. 106

House of Representatives, January 22, 1953.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Definition of "Absent Voting."

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 6, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Term "absentee voters" defined. An absentee voter is defined to be any person who is a duly qualified registered voter and, in respect to any primary election, duly enrolled as a member of the political party in the primary of which he proposes to vote except when he is serving a sentence in jail or in any penal institution, after conviction, in this or any other state, of a criminal offense, but who, through absence from the city or town in which he is entitled to vote, or who, through some physical incapacity not adversely affecting his soundness of mind, to which condition a physician duly admitted to practice shall have certified after examination, or who for religious reasons, is unable to cast his ballot at the voting place where he is entitled to vote, at any city election, which shall include a city primary where the Australian ballot is used, at any primary election held pursuant to the provisions of sections 1, 15, 45, and 46, of chapter 4, or at any general or special state election as the term state election is defined in section 1 of chapter 5, including also elections for the choice of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, elections held in ac-

cordance with the initiative or referendum provisions of the constitution of Maine, and elections to vote upon amendments to the constitution of Maine.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 6, § 2, sub-§ IV, amended. The 2nd paragraph of subsection IV of section 2 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 7 of chapter 348 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'“I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am unable to cast my ballot on election day at the voting place where I am entitled to vote because I shall be absent on the day of election, or prevented from going to the polls due to physical incapacity **or religious reasons** on the day of election (strike out reason not applicable). I have carefully read the instructions on the reverse side of this envelope and have marked my ballot in accordance with them.'