

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 636**

H. P. 596

House of Representatives, February 11, 1953

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Voting in Elections by Employees.**

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

**R. S., c. 3, § 4-A, additional.** Chapter 3 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 4-A, to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 4-A. Voting in elections by employees. Any person entitled to vote at any state or national election in this state shall, on the day of such election, be entitled to absent himself from any services or employment in which he is then engaged or employed, for a period of 4 hours between the times of opening and closing the polls; and such voter shall not, because of so absenting himself, be liable to any penalty; provided, however, that his employer may specify the hours during which such employee may absent himself as aforesaid. Any person or corporation who shall refuse to any employee the privilege hereby conferred, or shall discharge or threaten to discharge any employee for absenting himself from his work for the purpose of said election, or shall cause any employee to suffer any penalty or deduction of wages because of the exercise of such privilege, or who shall, directly or indirectly, violate the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.’**