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**Legislative Document**

**No. 447**

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H. P. 300 House of Representatives, February 4, 1959.  
Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pert of Bath.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Permitting Employees Time Off to Vote.**

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

**R. S., c. 30, § 56-B, additional.** Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 56-B, to read as follows:

#### **'Time off to Vote.**

**Sec. 56-B.** Employees to be allowed time off to vote. Any person entitled to vote in any election shall, if he has made application for such leave prior to the day of election, be entitled to absent himself from any services or employment in which he is then engaged or employed for a period of not more than 2 hours on the day of the election, between the time of opening and closing the polls. Such person shall not, because of so absenting himself, be liable to any penalty nor shall any deduction be made on account of such absence from his usual salary or wages. The employer may specify the hours during which the employee may absent himself. This section shall not apply to persons who are unemployed for 2 consecutive hours or more during the hours the polls are open on such election day.'