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House of Representatives, February 24, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pert of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Authorizing Registration of Voters by Affidavit Registration.

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

R. S., c. 3, § 49-A, additional. Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 49-A, to read as follows:

'Affidavit registration.

Sec. 49-A. Affidavit registration. Any qualified elector may be registered by filing or causing to be filed with the board of registration or board of selectmen a verified application as prescribed by the board for such registration any time up to and including the 7th day before any primary, general or special election. In making such application such elector shall subscribe to the oath before a notary public or justice of the peace and fulfill requirements made of electors when registering before boards of registration or boards of selectmen. Upon receipt of such application the board of registration or board of selectmen shall place his name on the voting list for the precinct wherein such voter resides, in the same manner as electors appearing in person are registered, and shall write or stamp beside his name on the general register, "registered by affidavit". All such applications on file in the office of the board shall be public records and subject to the examination and the right to make copies thereof during office hours by any elector of the State. Forms for the purpose of making such applications shall be furnished only by the board upon the request of any elector. The board shall keep a record of all such forms so furnished including the name of the person to whom furnished. At least 5 days prior to any primary, general or special election, such person shall account under oath to the board

showing in detail the disposition of forms furnished him. Any person willfully making any disposition of such forms other than for registration of an elector or other than by return of unused forms shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not longer than 11 months, or by both.'