

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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## CHAPTER 177

S. P. 121 — L. D. 230

### AN ACT Pertaining to Absentee Voting.

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

21 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1973, c. 782, § 1, is further amended to read:

1. **Absentee voter.** "Absentee voter" means a person who is unable to cast his ballot in the municipality in which he is registered to vote, for one of the following reasons: absence from the municipality during the time the polls are open on election day; physical incapacity not adversely affecting his soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits his doing so; **confinement in a jail or penal institution**; and unreasonable distance from the polls, if he is a resident of a township or a coastal island ward or district.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 178

H. P. 279 — L. D. 353

### AN ACT to Amend the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

**Sec. 1.** 22 MRSA § 2624, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, § 4, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**The commissioner, with the advice of the board, may establish classes of public water supply systems which do not require certified individuals as operators.**

**Sec. 2.** 22 MRSA § 2629, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### § 2629. Fees

Upon payment of a fee not to exceed \$25 and completion of an application for