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CHAPTER 289

H.P. 1157 - L.D. 1527

AN ACT to Provide that an Absentee
Ballot for a Municipal Election may be
Issued Pursuant to an Application for an
Absentee Ballot for a State Election.

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

21 MRSA §1253, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §177, is further amended to read:

2. Application or request received. On receipt of a completed application or a request for an absentee ballot signed by the applicant, the clerk shall send or deliver an absentee ballot and return envelope forthwith to the applicant or to a 3rd person designated in the application or request. If a municipal election is to be held on the same date as a statewide election, absentee ballots for the municipal and statewide election may be issued pursuant to the same application. The clerk shall issue to any 3rd person so designated only enough absentee ballots to insure that such a person shall not be in possession at any time of more than 40 absentee ballots for voters in a municipality. Such a 3rd person shall, unless good cause is shown, return an absentee ballot to the clerk's office within the time limits provided in section 1255. The clerk shall include a ballot application to be completed by the person who signed only a written request, unless the written request is sufficient as provided in subsection 1-A. The clerk shall type or write in ink the name and the legal address of the person for whom the absentee ballot is intended in the upper left hand section of all return envelopes.

If the clerk receives a duplicate application from a person from whom the clerk has received a return envelope apparently containing an absentee ballot, the clerk shall not furnish another absentee ballot for such person.

The clerk may issue a 2nd absentee ballot to an applicant if the applicant in person or in writing requests one and:

A. If such applicant states good cause, including, but not limited to, loss of, spoiling of or damage to the first absentee ballot; or

B. If an absentee ballot for such applicant which was furnished to a designated 3rd person is not returned to the clerk's office within 5 business days of the date such ballot was sent or delivered to such 3rd person or by 10 a.m. on the day before election day, whichever is earlier. This paragraph shall not be construed to affect the time for delivery of absentee ballots under section 1255.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 290

H.P. 997 - L.D. 1330

AN ACT to Authorize Coverage of Medical Supplies Under the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly Program.

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

22 M.R.S.A. §254, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §§57, 58, and 59, is further amended to read:

§254. Elderly low cost drug program

The Department of Human Services ~~is~~ authorized to ~~may~~ conduct a program to provide low cost prescription and nonprescription drugs and medication and medical supplies to disadvantaged, elderly individuals. ~~The person responsible for administration of this program must be either a Maine licensed pharmacist, physician, osteopathic physician or dentist, or must be under the administrative supervision of someone meeting these specifications. The commissioner is required to provide for sufficient personnel to ensure efficient administration of the program. The extent and the magnitude of this program will be determined by the Commissioner of Human Services and will be determined on the basis of the calculated need of the recipient population and the available funds. The department is may not authorized to spend more on the conduct of this program than is available either through appropriations from the General Fund, dedicated revenue, federal or other grants and other established and committed funding sources. The commissioner is authorized to may accept for the purposes of carrying out this program federal funds appropriated under any federal law relating to the furnishing of free or low cost drugs to the disadvantaged, elderly individuals and to do such acts as are~~