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CHAPTER 431

H.P. 901 - L.D. 1180

AN ACT Relating to Voting by Citizens
Overseas.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1252, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 436, §2, is amended to read:

1. Absentee ballots to be identical; exception. Except as provided in paragraph A, Absentee absentee ballots shall be identical in respect to the regular ballots used at an election, except that the words "Absentee Ballot" shall be printed conspicuously on at least one side of the folded ballot.

A. At least 90 days prior to the election to which they pertain, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with a reasonable number of blank absentee ballots for the exclusive use of members of the Armed Forces. These ballots shall be similar to regular ballots, except that no candidate names may be printed. The Secretary of State shall prepare a ballot listing all offices to be selected with a space after each office to write in the voter's preference. The following instructions must be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot: YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON BY PLACING THAT PERSON'S NAME AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE IN THE BLANK SPACE UNDER THE PROPER OFFICE.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1254, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Ballot unmarked. Before marking his ballot, the voter, except when he is outside the United States, shall show it to the official who shall examine it to be certain it is unmarked.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §1254, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1965, c. 451, §9, is further amended to read:

4. Ballot marked and sealed. The voter shall mark his ballot according to section 921 or 922 in such a way as to make it impossible for anyone to see how he voted. He shall then seal the ballot in its return envelope, and complete the affidavit on the envelope in the presence of the official who shall subscribe his name, note his title and may affix his seal if he is a notary public. If the voter is out-

side the United States he shall complete the certificate of authenticity on the envelope, which shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and which shall include a warning of the provisions of Title 17-A, section 453.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSa §1306 is amended to read:

§1306. Absentee ballots; application

A written request for an absentee ballot from a member of the Armed Forces, his spouse, a blood relative or his former guardian is sufficient. The applicant for the absentee ballot may request the regular absentee ballot specified in section 1252, subsection 1, or the special blank ballot specified in section 1252, subsection 1, paragraph A. The clerk shall promptly fill requests for absentee ballots made under this section.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSa §1307, sub-§3 is amended to read:

3. Ballot marked and sealed. The member shall mark his ballot according to section 921 or 922 in such a way as to make it impossible for anyone to see how he voted. He shall then seal the ballot in its return envelope, write his voting residence including street address in the upper left hand corner of the return envelope, sign his name and have his signature certified as that of the voter. His signature may be certified by any commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer not below the rank of sergeant, or petty officer in the Armed Forces, or by any diplomatic or consular official of the United States and sign a certification as to authenticity on the envelope, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of State, which shall include a warning of the provisions of Title 17-A, section 453. He shall then mail the envelope to the clerk of his municipality.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 432

H.P. 477 - L.D. 574

AN ACT to Amend the Hazardous Waste
Statutes Administered by the Department of
Environmental Protection.

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