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H.P. 131

House of Representatives, January 31, 2013

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and  
Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, THERIAULT of  
Madawaska, Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, DUTREMBLE  
of York, HILL of York.



1 **SUMMARY**

2 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the  
3 Legislature to authorize a process to allow a qualified voter to vote at a polling place in or  
4 outside of the city, town or plantation where that voter's residence has been established  
5 during a period immediately preceding an election. It also allows for voting by absentee  
6 ballot by citizens for reasons deemed sufficient without requiring in the Constitution of  
7 Maine that the citizens be absent or physically incapacitated.