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In Senate, February 6, 2023

An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, GREENWOOD of Wales, QUINT of Hodgdon.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15, is repealed.
4	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
5 6 7 8 9	7. Residency requirement. An applicant must prove to the municipality that the applicant has been physically present for 180 days or longer in the State prior to applying for general assistance. Acceptable forms of proof of residency must include the applicant's name and the address of the applicant's residence or domicile. A post office box or mail drop address is not sufficient. Acceptable proof of residency includes, but is not limited to:
10	A. A tax return, W-2 form or paycheck stub;
11	B. A utility bill or a letter from a utility company showing application for service;
12	C. A contract to which the applicant is a party; or
13	D. A document issued by a governmental entity.
14	SUMMARY
15 16	This bill establishes a 180-day state residency requirement for applicants for municipal general assistance.