

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to  
H.P. 1997, L.D. 2197, Bill, "AN ACT Redistributing the Powers  
of the Executive Council."

in section 31-A  
Amend said Amendment/by striking out all that part designated  
"§82." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§82. Appointment of notaries public and justices of the peace;  
renewal of commissions

The Governor shall appoint justices of the peace for an  
initial term only.

The Secretary of State shall have the authority to appoint all  
notaries public and shall have the authority to renew commissions  
of all notaries public and justices of the peace. The Secretary  
of State shall promulgate rules and regulations relating to the  
appointments of notaries public and to the issuance of renewals of  
commissions of notaries public and justices of the peace.

Justices of the peace and notaries public shall serve terms  
of 7 years. Only adult residents of this State may be appointed  
to such offices.

The Secretary of State shall provide written notice of the  
expiration of their commissions to notaries public and justices of  
the peace 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to receive  
a notice shall not affect the expiration date of a commission.

The Secretary of State, upon receiving notice of the  
qualification of any justice of the peace and upon appointing any  
notary public, shall immediately notify the register of probate and the

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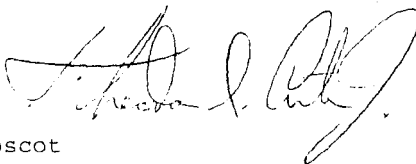
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clerk of the judicial courts of the county where the officer  
resides of the officer's appointment and qualifications.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of the amendment are to clarify the authority of the Secretary of State and to establish terms of offices and certain basic qualifications for the offices of justice of the peace and notary public. The amendment adds provisions that the term shall be 7 years and that only adult residents of this State may be appointed to these offices. The statutes do not now contain such specifications.

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County: Penobscot

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