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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 2049

8 H. P. 2143 House of Representatives, March 3, 1982
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for con-
currence and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative J. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsor: Senator J. Sewall of Penobscot.

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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 **AN ACT to Revise the Term of Appointment**
17 **of Legislative Directors and Officers.**
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§6, as last amended by PL**
21 **1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:**

22 6. Appointment of directors and officers. To appoint
23 a Legislative Administrative Director, a Director of Legis-
24 lative Research, a Legislative Finance Officer, a Constitu-
25 ent Service Officer and a State Law Librarian, each of whom
26 shall be chosen without reference to party affiliations and
27 solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of
28 his office; each to be appointed for a term of 7 5 years
29 from the date of his appointment and until his successor has
30 been appointed and qualified. Each initial appointment
31 shall be made in 1982, except that the 5-year term of
32 appointment included in this subsection shall apply retro-

1 actively from the date of his appointment to any officer
2 who, on the effective date of this sentence, has an appoint-
3 ment for a term longer than 5 years and who has more than 5
4 years remaining in his term of appointment and the 1982 ini-
5 tial 5-year term of appointment shall not apply to an offi-
6 cer who, on the effective date of this sentence, has less
7 than 5 years remaining in his term, the appointment for an
8 initial term of 5 years shall be made when that term
9 expires;

10 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §164, sub-§12,** as last amended by PL
11 1979, c. 396, §7, is further amended to read:

12 12. Assistants. The director shall appoint, with the
13 approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant director
14 for a term of 7 years from the date of his appointment con-
15 current with the term of the director and until his succes-
16 sor has been appointed and qualified, and such technical
17 assistants, and shall appoint such clerical assistants as
18 may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

19 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §167, 2nd ¶,** as last amended by PL
20 1979, c. 541, Pt. A., §9, is further amended to read:

21 The Legislative Finance Officer shall appoint, with the
22 approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant legis-
23 lative finance officer to assist the Legislative Finance
24 Officer in carrying out his duties. He shall be chosen
25 without reference to party affiliation and solely on the
26 grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his office for a
27 term of 7 years from the date of his appointment concurrent
28 with the term of the Legislative Finance Officer and until
29 his successor has been appointed and qualified.

30 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §174, 2nd paragraph,** as amended by PL
31 1979, c. 396, §8, is further amended to read:

32 The State Law Librarian shall appoint, with the
33 approval of the Legislative Council, a deputy law librarian
34 for a term of 7 years from the date of his appointment con-
35 current with the term of the State Law Librarian and until
36 his successor has been appointed and qualified, and employ
37 such assistants as may be necessary to carry out this sub-
38 chapter.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

1 This bill changes the term of appointment of legis-
2 lative officers who presently have a statutory term of
3 appointment. The initial appointment will occur in 1982 in
4 which year the term of most officers will expire. It is
5 intended that this law will apply retroactively to any offi-
6 cer whose present appointment is for a term greater than 5
7 years and who has more than 5 years remaining in that term
8 of appointment. This law will apply prospectively to any
9 officer who has less than 5 years remaining in his term and
10 the initial appointment for a term of 5 years shall be made
11 when that term expires. No attempt has been made in this
12 bill to change statutes relating to legislative offices or
13 to legislative officers for whom no term of appointment
14 presently applies and which the committee may wish to con-
15 sider.

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