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House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

An Act Regarding Priorities in the Probate Code.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Representative: PARADIS of Augusta.

Be i	it (enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §3-203, sub- $\S(e)$, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 540, \S 1, is amended to read:

(e) Appointment of one who does not have priority, including priority resulting from renunciation or nomination determined pursuant to this section, may be made enly in <u>informal or in</u> formal proceedings. Before appointing one without priority, the judge must determine that those having priority, although given notice of the proceedings, have failed to request appointment or to nominate another for appointment, and that administration is necessary.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows a person who does not have priority to be appointed as a personal representative in informal proceedings.

Current law only allows for appointment of such a person through formal proceedings.