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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AUGUSTA

December 19, 1933

Hon. Edgar E. Rounds  
Representative to Legislature  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

You have asked me concerning the authority of an individual member of the Portland City Council while acting as an Overseer of the Poor.

As I read the general statutes and the charter of the City of Portland, together with what you have told me the situation is, I am of the opinion that each member has equal authority with any other member of the Board of Overseers.

Our Court has held that Overseers of the Poor act as a body. This does not prevent one member, however, from acting alone when authorized by the Board either by specific authorization before or ratification afterwards.

Respectfully yours,

Attorney General