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November 26, 1945

Miss Erminie G. Kelly
Board of Registration
Bangor, Maine

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17th.

The evident purpose of the amendment by Chapter 317 of the Laws of 1945 was to permit the applicant for registration, when the Board was not in session, to appear before the City Clerk and prove that he possesses all the qualifications of a voter. The ultimate enrollment as a voter and the placing of his name upon the general register, however, is in the Board which is the only body that may enroll and register the applicant. But before the City Clerk accepts for submission and filing with the Board of Registration the application, the City Clerk must receive proof of the qualifications of the voter. In this case, it is apparently unnecessary that the voter sign the register at the time he is enrolled.

It would seem, however, that when the Board is in session, the application must be made to the Board and the Board then, under Sec. 20 which is still in force, puts the applicant to the tests there required and if the applicant meets these tests, then he writes his name in a book kept for that purpose. The actual signing of the applicant is not dispensed with when he appears before the Board in session.

Yours truly,

Abraham Breitbard
Deputy Attorney General

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