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August 29, 1946

To John H. Henry, Chairman
Board of Registration of Voters
Portland, Maine

Your letter of August 28th has been received, requesting an opinion as to whether the Boards of Registration of Voters are city or State employees.

It is my opinion that the members of the various Boards of Registration are public officers, and are neither State nor municipal employees. While it is true that it is the duty of cities to pay the compensation and expenses of members of the boards under Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, yet the boards are not under any head of either State or city government and have the discretionary powers provided by statute.

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