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A question has arisen as to whether or not the members of a board of registration of voters may be members of a political committee.

21 M.R.S.A. § 43, sub § 4, provides:

"Except as otherwise provided in the section, the provisions of law pertaining to the registrar apply equally to a board of registration."

§ 41, sub § 1, states in part:

"The registrar must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the municipality and at least 21 years of age. He may not hold or be a candidate for any state or county office, or hold membership on any political committee."

It follows that no member of a board of registration of voters may hold or be a candidate for state or county office or be a member of any political committee.

It might be well to also point out that 21 M.R.S.A., § 1, sub § 24, defines political committee.

"Political committee" means 2 or more persons associated for the purpose of promoting or defeating a candidate, party or principle."

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