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Robert Shepard, Press Secretary

Executive

George C. West, Deputy

Attorney General

I find a note from Jon Doyle asking about a conflict or incompatibility in the Chairman of the Board of Voter Registration running for the City Council.

I call your attention to Title 21, § 42, subsection 1, which provides in the second sentence, "He (the registrar) may not hold or be a candidate for any state or county office or hold membership on any political committee."

I also call your attention to 21 M.R.S.A. § 43, subsection 4, which provides, "Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of law pertaining to the registrar apply equally to a board of registration."

Hence, we find that a member of a board of registration may not be a candidate for any state or county office or hold membership on a political committee. Apparently he is not prohibited from running for a municipal office, unless the charter of the municipality otherwise provides.

George C. West
Deputy Attorney General

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