

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 385

House of Representatives, January 23, 1963

Referred to Committee on Municipal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Town Clerk by Board of Selectmen.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, town clerks perform essential duties in municipal government; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be enacted before the town meetings held throughout Maine in March; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 90-A, § 35, amended. Section 35 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Any town, at a special town meeting duly called and held at least 30 days before the annual town meeting, provided an appropriate article has been inserted in the warrant for such meeting, may vote to authorize and direct the board of selectmen to appoint the town clerk and, in the event the vote upon said article is in the affirmative, the board of selectmen shall appoint the town clerk within one week following said annual town meeting. The town clerk previously elected shall continue to hold office until said appointment is made.’

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.