

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 476

House of Representatives, February 5, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Election and Duties of Ministers in Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine.

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

P. & S. L., 1869, c. 180, § 6, repealed and replaced. Section 6 of chapter 180 of the private and special laws of 1869 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

Sec. 6. Election and duties of ministers. The wardens and vestrymen so elected, $\frac{2}{3}$ of them concurring in the choice, may choose some fit person, duly qualified, to act as minister or rector of said church agreeable to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the person so elected shall be the rector or minister of the parish, provided, that if required by the constitution or bylaws of the parish the choice shall be submitted to the parish for approval and if such submission is required must be so approved before the person elected by the wardens and vestrymen is declared elected to be rector or minister. The minister or rector so chosen shall preside at all meetings of the wardens and vestrymen and have a casting vote, unless the business or question to be decided has relation to the personal interest of said minister or rector, provided, that in the absence of such minister or rector, one of the wardens shall preside. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of minister or rector by death, removal or otherwise, the wardens and vestrymen may elect a successor in the mode hereinbefore provided.