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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Time of Filing Political Nominations for Town Office.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 2060, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 4 of section 2060 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**A.** A town may determine at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting whether 3, 5 or 7 shall be elected to each board and their terms of office.

(1) Once the determination has been made, it shall stand until revoked at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting.

(2) If a town fails to fix the number, 3 shall be elected. If a town fails to fix the term, it shall be for one year.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2060, sub-§ 5, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 5 of section 2060 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**A.** A town may determine at a meeting of its legislative body held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting whether a single assessor, or a board of 3, 5 or 7, shall be elected and the term of office of the assessor or assessors. In towns where the legislative body is the town meeting, the determination shall be effective only if the total number of votes cast for and against the determination equals or exceeds 10% of the total vote for

all candidates for Governor in the town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

(1) Once a determination has been made, it shall stand until revoked at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting.

(2) If a town fails to fix the number, 3 shall be elected. If a town fails to fix the term, it shall be for one year.

(3) When a town has chosen a single assessor under paragraph A, the selectmen shall appoint the assessor for a term not exceeding 5 years.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2060, sub-§ 6, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 6 of section 2060 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**A.** Any town choosing a single assessor may adopt a board of assessment review at a meeting of its legislative body held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 2061, amended.** The first 2 paragraphs of section 2061 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

When any town accepts this section at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting, the following provisions apply to the election of all town officials required by section 2055 to be elected by ballot, except the moderator, who shall be elected as provided in section 2054, subsection 2.

The provisions of this section relating to nomination of town officials by political caucus shall apply only when any town accepts such provisions at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting. If any town accepts such provisions, they shall remain effective until the town shall vote otherwise.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 30, § 2061, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 2061 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**A.** No change may be made thereafter in the designation, number or terms of town officials, except at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 30, § 2061, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, amended.** The 3rd sentence of paragraph B of subsection 3 of section 2061 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

They shall be filed with the clerk **during business hours** on or before the ~~14th~~ 30th day next prior to the day of election.

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 30, § 2062, amended.** The first paragraph of section 2062 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

When any town which has accepted section 2061 accepts this section at a meeting held at least ~~30~~ 60 days before the annual meeting, absentee ballots may be cast at all regular elections of town officials, including town meeting members where the representatives town meeting form of government is used. Section 2061 and this section may be accepted at the same meeting.