

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Qualifications and Term of Office of Commissioner of  
Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 1951, amended.** The first sentence of section 1951 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, as heretofore appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council and in chapters 301 to 335 called the "commissioner," shall hold office for ~~3~~ 6 years and shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 1951, amended.** Section 1951 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentences:

**He shall be appointed solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of his office. He shall be an experienced business administrator and shall have had a minimum of 4 years training in wildlife management.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Game is now a \$4.3 million dollar operation and the commissioner should have special skills in operating the department, not possessed by the ordinary layman, and should be given longer tenure to give greater permanency and stability to the office.