

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 653

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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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 Membership on Board and Definitions under  
Engineer Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1251, sub-§ 3, repealed and replaced. Subsection 3 of section 1251 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. Practice of professional engineering. The term "practice of professional engineering" shall be held to mean any professional service such as engineering surveying, consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design or responsible supervision of construction in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works or projects, wherein the environment, public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health or property is concerned or involved when such professional services involve the application of engineering principles and data; or such other services as may be necessary to the planning, progress and completion of any engineering project or to the performance of any engineering service.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1251, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 1251 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

4. Professional engineer. The term "professional engineer" shall mean a person who, by reason of his knowledge of mathematics, the physical sciences and the principles of engineering, acquired by professional education and practical experience, ~~is qualified to~~ may engage in the practice of professional engineering ~~practice as defined~~ when duly registered under this chapter.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 1301, amended.** Section 1301 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

**Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, no member shall be allowed to succeed himself more than once or be reappointed to fill a vacancy unless a period of 2 years has elapsed from the conclusion of his prior term on the board.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to redefine the term "practice of professional engineering" and the term "professional engineer". In addition, the bill would prevent a person from perpetually being on the board of registration.