

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Change the Method of Filling Vacancies in Office of  
Register of Deeds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 33, § 601, amended. The last sentence of section 601 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

In the meantime, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council may fill vacancies by appointment, if there is no deputy register who succeeds to the position of acting register in accordance with section 606, and the person so appointed shall hold his office until the first day of January, next after the election last mentioned.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 33, § 606, repealed and replaced. Section 606 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 606. Deputy register as acting register

In case of vacancy in the office of register, in any county or registry district, the deputy register then holding such office pursuant to section 605 shall assume the title of acting register, be sworn as such by a dedimus justice and thereafter perform all duties and services required of a register of deeds during such vacancy, complete all unfinished business, receive the same compensation and be subject to the same liabilities as a register of deeds, and his certificate shall have the same effect as if made by the register. If the deputy register does not assume the office of acting register within 3 days after the vacancy occurs, or having assumed such office thereafter vacates it, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint an acting register to hold office as provided in section 601.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for immediate continuity in administration of the office so far as is possible without the necessity of adding the duties of the register of deeds to those of the clerk of courts.