

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1000

H. P. 738

House of Representatives, February 19, 1971

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Brown of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Requirement for a Board of Registration.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 43, sub-§§ 1 - 3, amended. The first paragraph of section 43 and subsections 1 to 3 of section 43 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

In a city or town which has a population of 5,000 or over, a board of registration consisting of 3 members must be appointed as follows: One member ~~nominated~~ appointed by the city or town committees of each of the 2 major parties ~~and appointed by the municipal officers, and the~~. The 3rd member shall be appointed by the ~~Governor with the advice and consent of the Council~~ municipal officers and shall be enrolled in the party having the majority enrollees in the respective cities and towns.

1. Term of office. Each member ~~appointed by the municipal officers~~ shall serve for 3 years and until his successor is appointed and sworn. ~~The member appointed by the Governor shall serve for 4 years and until his successor is appointed and sworn.~~

2. Chairman of the board. The member appointed by the ~~Governor~~ municipal officers is chairman of the board and shall serve for 4 years and until his successor is appointed and sworn.

3. Vacancy. When there is a vacancy on the board, ~~the municipal officers shall appoint a qualified person nominated by the city committee of the party of the former incumbent to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term it shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the body which appointed the former incumbent.~~

A. ~~Exception. When there is a vacancy in the office of chairman of the board, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to change the method of appointment of boards of registration.