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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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 43, sub-§§ 1 - 3, amended. The first paragraph of section 43, as amended, and subsections 1, 2 and 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~~ 4,000 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, except that a city or town which has a population of 4,000 to 5,000 may, by vote of its legislative body, have a board of registration in lieu of a registrar of voters.

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.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 43, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 43 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 5, to read as follows:

5. Prohibitions. No member of the board shall hold any office in or be a member of any political party committee or be a candidate for or hold any elective office.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after the Legislature adjourns.