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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1352

H. P. 1030

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. McCormick of Union.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Changing the Number of Parole Board Members and Modifying
the Qualifications for Eligibility for Appointment.**

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

R. S., T. 34, § 1551, amended. Section 1551 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 172 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1551. **Membership**

A State Parole Board, as heretofore created within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and in this chapter called the "board" shall consist of ~~3~~ 5 members who are citizens and residents of the State. ~~Two of the~~ The members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, from persons with special training or experience in law, sociology, psychology or related branches of social science and familiarity with the problems of institutionalized persons. ~~The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall be ex officio a member of the board, except that he may appoint any suitable person from his department to serve during his pleasure, in his absence, as a member of the board, but in no case longer than his term of office as commissioner.~~ The term of the regularly appointed members of the board shall be 4 years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified, or during the pleasure of the Governor and Council. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which a regular appointment is made. ~~The regularly appointed~~ members of the board shall be paid \$25 per day and necessary expenses for each day actually spent in the work of the board. The members of the board shall elect a chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the board when

present. The board shall meet at least once each month and in addition may meet as often as necessary, at such times and places as the chairman may designate. Any ~~2~~ 4 members constitute a quorum for the exercise of all powers of the board. The Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, officers and staffs of the penal and correctional institutions, and law enforcement agencies in the State shall cooperate with the board in exercising its administration.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This proposal to increase the number of parole board members and to require familiarity with the problems of institutionalized persons is made in the interest of justice.