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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Relating to Standards for Selection of State Auditor and Duties
of the Office.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 241, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 241 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

He shall be a certified public accountant with at least one year's experience in governmental auditing or a college graduate with not less than 6 years of experience as an accountant or auditor, including not less than 5 years of auditing experience, of which not less than 4 years shall have been in a supervisory capacity of which one year shall have been as a supervisor of governmental audits.

Sec. 2. Effective date. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 1977.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 243, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 243 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 427 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

It shall also be the duty of the department to make technical evaluations of the operations of each state agency and provide constructive recommendations to department or agency heads for purposes of efficiency and economy.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to implement Recommendations 8 and 9, Department of Audit, of the Maine Management and Cost Survey Report. The change revises standards for selection of the State Auditor and authorizes the Auditor to evaluate state agencies and make constructive recommendations in the interest of efficiency and economy. These recommendations were supported in Governor Kenneth M. Curtis' Special Message to the 106th Legislature on January 10, 1974.