

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 752

House of Representatives, March 6, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Concerning the Size of Municipal Populations in the Statute  
Requiring or Authorizing the Appointment of Boards of Registration.**

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

21 MRSA § 43, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 782, § 1-A, is amended to read:

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 by the city committees of each of the 2 major political parties, who shall be enrolled in the party of the city committee by which he is nominated, and appointed by the municipal officers, and the 3rd member appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. A city or town which has a population of ~~4,000~~ 3,000 to ~~5,000~~ 4,000 may, by vote of its legislative body, have a board of registration in lieu of a registrar of voters.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires municipalities of 4,000 persons or over to appoint a board of registration. Previously, only municipalities of 5,000 persons or over were required to appoint these boards.

This bill also permits municipalities of 3,000 to 4,000 population to appoint a board of registration in place of a register of voters. Previously, only cities of 4,000 to 5,000 population had this statutory authorization.