

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1070

H. P. 856

House of Representatives, March 14, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus, referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mulkern of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning the Filling of the Office of Register of Deeds.

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA § 601, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 230, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 601. Election of register; vacancies

A register of deeds shall be elected for each county and in each registry district by the legally qualified voters thereof, who shall serve for a term of 4 years.

Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by election as provided for in section 602 at the next November election after their occurrence. In the meantime, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, may fill vacancies by appointment, and the person so appointed shall hold his office until the first day of January, next after the election last mentioned.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA § 606, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 230, § 2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides that the position of register of deeds, when vacant, is filled by the Governor and Council until the next general election, when a new register is to be elected. This office is an elective office, and vacancies in it should be filled in accordance with the political process.