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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1234)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1937, L.D. 2125, Bill,
"AN ACT to Change the Statutory Qualifications and Salary Limit
for Director of Personnel."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and
inserting in place thereof the following:

'AN ACT to Permit Immediate Hiring of a Director of Personnel.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after
the Title and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do
not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the position of Director of Personnel is a crucial
one for the State of Maine, directly affecting the lives of
state employees and the delivery of services to citizens of this
State; and

Whereas, the position of Director of Personnel has not been
filled by appointment and confirmation for over 7 months; and

Whereas, it is vital that this position be filled as soon
as possible in order to permit the State to deal fully and
effectively with the state personnel problems and policy changes
which presently confront it; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

5 MRSA §631, first paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 686, §4, is repealed and reenacted as follows:

The Director of Personnel shall be, at the time of his appointment, a person thoroughly familiar with the principles and experienced in the methods and techniques of personnel administration and management. After consultation with the Personnel Board, the Governor shall appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Executive Council, the Director of Personnel who shall serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor or until his successor has been appointed and qualified. Effective January 4, 1977, the preceding sentence shall be deleted and replaced by the following: After consultation with the Personnel Board, the Governor shall appoint, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and to confirmation by the Legislature, the Director of Personnel who shall serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor or until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment provides that the qualification requirements and hiring procedures established by chapter 686 of the public laws of 1975, shall take effect when this bill is approved, so that the presently vacant position of Director of Personnel can be filled as soon as possible.

Filed by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

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