

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 203

H. P. 165

House of Representatives, February 1, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mackel of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require a Legislator to Abstain from Voting in Either Branch of the Legislature when his Membership in a Profession, Trade or Organization Causes a Conflict of Interest.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 1014, sub-§ 1, ¶ G is enacted to read:

G. Where a legislator is a member of a profession, trade, business, employment or organization which is directly affected by legislation.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA § 1015, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

When a legislator has a conflict of interest defined by section 1014, subsection 1, paragraph G, he shall not vote on any question in connection with the conflict in either branch of the Legislature, but is not precluded from voting in committee, nor from attempting to influence the outcome of any question in connection with the conflict.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that it is a conflict of interest for a legislator to vote in either branch of the Legislature on legislation which directly affects a profession, trade, business, employment or organization of which the legislator is a member.