

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 589

S. P. 192

In Senate, February 23, 1977

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Subsequently, on motion of Senator Conley of Cumberland, reconsidered and referred to Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Residency Requirements of Municipal Employees.

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

26 MRSA § 964, sub-§ 1, ¶ G is enacted to read:

G. Requiring that an individual reside within the city, town or school district as a condition for appointment or continued employment.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will provide that no municipality or school district shall require as a condition of employment that an employee shall reside within the employers' jurisdiction. Historically, this has never been a factor but a recent Supreme Court decision has come to be interpreted that such conditions may be allowed. The rural nature of the State of Maine is such that local requirements of this nature could be damaging. Also, this bill would permit the issue to be a negotiable subject as a matter for collective bargaining.