

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)
(Governor's Bill)

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1770

H. P. 1540

House of Representatives, May 9, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend the Charter for the Maine Institution for the Blind.

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

Whereas, the corporate charter for the Maine Institution for the Blind, as amended by the private and special laws of 1923, chapter 96, requires that a majority of the directors of the Maine Institution for the Blind be appointed by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Maine Institute for the Blind receive funds from the State for the conduct of its programs for the assistance of visually impaired persons; and

Whereas, this circumstance creates the potential for a conflict of interest on the part of the directors of the Maine Institution for the Blind; 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:

P & SL 1923, c. 96 is repealed.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the requirement inserted in the charter of the Maine Institution for the Blind by the private and special laws of 1923, chapter 96 that a majority of the board of directors of that institution be appointed by the Governor.