

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 748, L.D. 2199, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 371. 3 MRSA §151, 6th ¶, 4th sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 771, §11, is amended to read:  
Such vote shall be taken no later than ~~20~~ 40 days from the date of the Governor's written notice of the nomination to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representative

Sec. 372. 3 MRSA §151, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 771, §11, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:  
If the committee shall fail to / within the 40 days set  
out in this paragraph, that failure shall for the purposes of  
this section, be considered a recommendation of confirmation.

Sec. 373. 3 MRSA §151, 7th ¶, 4th sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 771, §11, is amended to read:  
The vote of the Senate shall be taken no later than ~~45~~ 90 days from the date of the Governor's written notice of the nomination to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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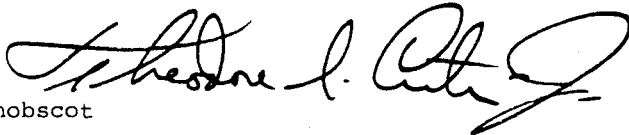
Sec. 374. 3 MRSA §151, as amended by PL 1977, c. 291,  
is further amended by adding before the last paragraph a new  
paragraph to read:

The Governor may nominate, and the committee and the Senate  
may consider and act on nominations, to positions which shall  
become vacant after the Senate action, provided that the Governor's  
authority to appoint does not expire before the date at which the  
position becomes vacant or otherwise available for appointment  
and, if the Senate is not in regular session, another meeting of  
the Senate is not scheduled prior to the date when the position  
becomes vacant or otherwise available for appointment.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this Amendment is to permit prospective  
appointments, particularly in the interim between legislative  
sessions, to allow nomination and confirmation of nominees to  
positions which become vacant or are created by operation of law  
after scheduled Senate meetings. This law would not permit  
appointments to vacancies beyond the appointing Governor's term  
of office. The amendment also provides 90 days for confirmation  
of appointments rather than the present 45 days.

(Curtis)  
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