

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Local & County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Authorize County Appointment of Electrical Inspectors.**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1104, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

**State** The county commissioners of each county may appoint one or more electrical inspectors for that county who may, upon written complaint of any owner, lessee or tenant of a building, state fire inspector, fire chief, fire department inspector, personnel of an electric utility or local electrical inspector or whenever they shall deem it necessary at all reasonable hours, for purposes of examination, may enter into and upon all buildings or premises within their jurisdiction and inspect the same.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1104, first ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

Whenever any state county electrical inspector shall find any electrical installation in any building or structure which does not comply with this chapter, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 1104, 2nd ¶, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

Any person ordered by a **state county** electrical inspector to correct an electrical deficiency may appeal such order to the Electricians' Examining Board by filing with that board within 48 hours of receipt of such order a written notice of appeal.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 1104, 3rd ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

An order by a **state county** electrical inspector and an order by the Electricians' Examining Board shall likewise be final and subject to no further appeal upon failure to file a timely, written appeal therefrom as provided.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 1104-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

**§ 1104-A. Failure to comply with order of inspector**

If the owner or occupant of any building neglects or refuses without justification for more than 10 days to comply with any order of a **state county** electrical inspector concerning electrical installations as provided in this chapter, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 for each day's neglect.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA § 1152, last ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that electrical inspectors be appointed on the county level rather than on the state level.