

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 989

H. P. 789

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Permit School Administrative Units to Grant Leaves of Absence Without Loss of Contract Status to Teachers who are Elected to County or Local Office.

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

20 MRSA § 2001, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 311, is amended to read:

§ 2001. Leave of absence as Legislators; county and municipal officers

Each administrative unit operating public schools within the State shall grant all certified teachers, except substitute teachers as defined by the commissioner, leave of absence without pay and without forfeiture of continuing contract status and other accumulated benefits to fulfill the duties of a State Legislator, **of a holder of a county office, or of a municipal officer**, provided that written notice of intent to become a candidate for Legislature, **for county office or for municipal office** is given at the time teacher contracts are issued. **The terms "county office" and "municipal officer" have the meaning those terms have in Title 21.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes school administrative units to grant administrative leave to county office holders and municipal officers while they are performing their duty. At present, these units grant administrative leave to State Legislators, but the statute is silent about county and local officers.