

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-363)  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to H.P. 135, L.D. 162, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Permit Appointment of Deputies for the Purpose of  
Registering Voters Under the Election Laws."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §43, ~~↔~~ first sentence, as last  
amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §191, is further amended to read:

In a city or town which has a population of 5,000 or  
over, a board of registration consisting of 3 members must  
be appointed as follows: One member nominated by the city  
committees of each of the 2 major political parties, who shall  
be enrolled in the party of the city committee by which he  
is nominated, and appointed by the municipal officers, and  
the 3rd member ~~nominated-by-the-clerk-of-the-municipality~~  
and appointed by the municipal officers.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §43, sub-§2, as ~~↔~~ amended by PL 1975,  
c. 771, §192, is further amended to read:

2. Chairman of the board. The member ~~nominated-by-the~~  
~~clerk-of-the-municipality-and~~ appointed by the municipal  
officers is chairman of the board. The chairman of the  
board may designate himself or another member of the board  
to accept the application of a disabled person for registration  
under section 72.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §43, sub-§4, first sentence, is amended to read:

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of law pertaining to the registrar and deputy registrar apply equally to a board of registration.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §43, sub-§4, ¶A, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. A board of registration may appoint deputies only for the purpose of registering voters at their respective voting places.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA §43, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Appointment of deputies. Any board of registration which appoints deputies shall attempt as far as practicable to allocate deputy appointments equally among the 2 major political parties and those unenrolled in either.

Sec. 6. 21 MRSA §632, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 430, §2, is amended to read:

3. Municipality of 2,501 to 24,000. In a municipality of ~~2,500 or more~~ <sup>population</sup> ~~<----->~~ 2,501 to 24,000, the registrar shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by the municipal officers on the 2nd and 3rd business days next prior to election day.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the business day next prior to

election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 4.

Sec. 7. 21 MRSA §632, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Municipality of 24,001 or more. In a municipality of 24,001 or more population, the registrar shall accept registrations during the time prescribed by the municipal officers on the 10th to 18th business days next prior to election day.

The registrar shall accept the registrations of applicants who appear in person on the business day prior to election day. The names of such voters shall be recorded as provided in subsection 4. '

#### Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Allow municipal officers alone to appoint the chairman of a board of registration;
2. Permit appointment of deputies only for the purpose of registering voters at their respective polling places;
3. Relocate a provision concerning registration of disabled persons; and
4. Require the board of registration in cities of more than 24,001 population in special state elections to accept registrations on the 10th to 18th business days next prior to election day.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Election Laws.  
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of the House.