

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 521

H. P. 470

House of Representatives, January 29, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Gowen of Standish.

Cosponsor: Representative McKean of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Improve Integrity of the Voting Process in Town Meetings and Elections.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2054, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 536, § 6, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

No person may serve as moderator who is an employee of a party or candidate, a person having a direct pecuniary interest in the result of a question, a candidate or his spouse or his mother, father, children, sister or brother.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2061, sub-§ 7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Ineligible persons. The following persons may not serve as ballot clerks:

- A. An employee of a candidate or of a party in the case of a partisan election;**
- B. A person having a direct pecuniary interest in the result of a referendum question; or**
- C. A candidate or his spouse or his mother, father, children, sister or brother.**

(1) This paragraph does not apply unless the relatives mentioned are ballot clerks in the electoral division from which the candidate seeks election.

(2) This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for warden or ward clerk or his spouse, his mother, father, children, sister or brother.

(3) This paragraph does not apply to municipalities with a population of less than 500.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits those who have an interest in an election at the local level from participating directly in the conduct of that election.