

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 385

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7 H.P. 326

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Hobbins of Saco referred to the Committee
9 on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Hobbins of Saco.

Cosponsor: Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Qualifications of
18 Attorneys Moving to Maine from Other
19 Jurisdictions.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 4 MRSA §804, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.
24 541, Pt. A, §14, is further amended to read:

25 In addition to the foregoing requirements, each
26 applicant shall produce to the board satisfactory
27 evidence that he has graduated from a law school
28 approved by the board; or that he has successfully
29 completed 2/3 of the requirements for graduation from
30 a law school approved by the board and thereafter has
31 pursued the study of law in the office of some attor-
32 ney within the State of Maine for at least one year;
33 or that he is an attorney who has been admitted by
34 examination to practice in another jurisdiction in

1 the United States and who has been in the active
2 practice of law in that jurisdiction, or any other
3 jurisdiction in the United States to which he was
4 appropriately admitted, for a period of at least 3
5 years one year. When an applicant shall have satis-
6 fied the board that the foregoing requirements have
7 been fulfilled and has paid a fee fixed by the board
8 and approved by the Supreme Judicial Court, he shall
9 be eligible to take such written examination prepared
10 or adopted by the board and such oral examination as
11 the board deems appropriate to determine whether or
12 not such applicant has the qualifications required by
13 this chapter for admission to the bar. Upon such
14 examination being completed, the board shall issue to
15 each applicant who received the passing grade estab-
16 lished by the board, or better, and who has satisfied
17 the requirements and qualifications set forth in this
18 chapter, a certificate of qualification recommending
19 his admission to the bar.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

21 The purpose of this bill is to provide that in
22 order to practice law in Maine, an attorney from
23 another jurisdiction must have been practicing for
24 one year rather than for 3 years as required by the
25 current law.

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