

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. 785

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7 H.P. 634

House of Representatives, February 16, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative McHenry of Madawaska referred to the
9 Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Bonney of Falmouth and Representative
Dexter of Kingfield.

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 Relating to the Appointment
18 of County Officials.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 30 MRSA §9 is enacted to read:

23 §9. Death, resignation or removal from county office;
24 appointment of replacement

25 Whenever an elected county official dies,
26 resigns, is declared mentally incompetent by a court
27 of this State or is removed from office as provided
28 by law during the term for which he was elected, the
29 Governor shall appoint his replacement. The Governor
30 shall appoint as his replacement the nominee chosen
31 by the county committee of the former official's des-
32 ignated political party. The Governor shall notify
33 the chairman of the appropriate county committee when

1 such a vacancy exists. Within 14 days from the date
2 of the Governor's notification, the county committee
3 shall caucus for the specific purpose of nominating
4 an individual to the vacant office. The committee's
5 choice shall be communicated to the Governor within 5
6 working days. If the county official was not a member
7 of a formal political party, the Governor shall
8 select and appoint his replacement.

9 The appointment by the Governor of a replacement
10 for the former county official shall be for the
11 remainder of that official's term of office or until
12 the next general election, whichever occurs first.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to insure that when
15 the voters of a county elect Republicans or Democrats
16 as their county officials, the successors to these
17 officials, in cases where the officials do not or
18 cannot complete their term of office, be appointed
19 from the same political party that won the position
20 by vote of the electorate.

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