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1 (New Draft of S.P. 360, L.D. 981)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1602

8 S.P. 608

In Senate, May 24, 1985

9 Reported by Senator Najarian of Cumberland from the Committee on
10 Legal Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by
Senator Dow of Kennebec.

11 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT Relating to the Selection of Counters
19 under the Election Laws.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 21-A MRSA §503, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
24 161, §6, is amended to read:

25 2. Number appointed. The municipal officers
26 shall appoint 2 election clerks, who must be resi-
27 dents of the municipality, for each voting place in
28 each municipality.

29 A. They may appoint additional election clerks,
30 if necessary, who are nominated as provided in
31 subsection 1.

32 B. They shall appoint alternate election clerks
33 who are nominated as provided in subsection 1 and
34 who may be called into service by the warden, as

1 needed, to fill a vacancy on election day. If
2 the municipal committee fails to nominate a suf-
3 ficient number of alternate election clerks, the
4 municipal clerk or municipal officers shall ap-
5 point the necessary number to fill the vacancy on
6 election day.

7 C. The municipal clerk may appoint a sufficient
8 number of election clerks, and an equal number
9 from each political party, who are nominated as
10 provided in subsection 1, to serve as counters
11 when the polls close. Counters shall be paid a
12 reasonable compensation as determined by the mu-
13 nicipal officers.

14 If the municipal committee fails to nominate a suffi-
15 cient number of election clerks, the municipal clerk
16 or municipal officers shall appoint the necessary
17 number to fill the vacancy on election day.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this new draft is to provide that
20 election clerks who serve as counters must be chosen
21 in the same manner as election clerks and alternate
22 clerks. The language concerning appointment of elec-
23 tion clerks when the municipal committees fail to
24 nominate a sufficient number to serve as election
25 clerks is retained but placed at the end of the Maine
26 Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 503, subsection
27 2 so that it applies to paragraphs A, B and C.

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