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(New Draft of H.P. 857, L.D. 1216) (New Title) FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Document No. 1631
H.P. 1125 House of Representatives, May 30, 1985
Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Business and Commerce and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Representative Stevens of Bangor. Cosponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec, Representative Rydell of Brunswick and Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
AN ACT Regarding Members of the Public Serving on State Licensing Boards.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 1-A is enacted to read:
CHAPTER 1-A
GENERAL PROVISIONS
SUBCHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING BOARDS OF LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
§58. Public members

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any occupational or professional licensing board set out in Title 5, section 12004, subsection 1, paragraph A, shall include at least 2 public members.

A public member of an occupational or professional licensing board shall be compensated at the rate of \$35 per day.

Sec. 2. Board report to the Legislature. The Commissioner of Business, Occupational and Professional Regulation shall provide all licensing boards set out in Title 5, section 12004, subsection 1, paragraph A, with a copy of this law. Each board shall report back to the legislative committee having jurisdiction over business and commerce by December 1, 1985, with the board's recommendation on which position on the board, now designated to be filled by someone other than a public member, should be redesignated as a position to be filled by a public member after the term of the current appointee to that position expires.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft requires all occupational and professional licensing boards to include at least 2 public members. Rather than adding an additional public member to each board to increase the size of all boards to an even number of members, leading to problems in the event of a tie vote, this bill requires the boards to report back to the Legislature with recommendations on which position on the board should be filled by a public member after the current appointee's term expires. During the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature, the laws can thus be amended to adjust for the changed membership.

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