

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 708

H.P. 524 House of Representatives, March 11, 1987
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative BAKER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Election of the Public
Advocate.

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

35 MRSA §1-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
479, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

1. Election of the Public Advocate. The Public
Advocate shall be elected by the Legislature by a
joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in
convention and shall hold office for a term of 4
years or until his successor is elected and quali-
fied. If the office of Public Advocate becomes va-
cant during a period when the Legislature is not in
session, the appointment of a person to fill the va-

1 cancy shall be made immediately by the President of
2 the Senate or if that office be vacant, by the Speak-
3 er of the House. The person so appointed shall hold
4 office until such time as the Legislature meets, in
5 regular or special session, and either confirms the
6 appointment of that person or chooses another person
7 to fill the office during the unexpired term.

8 In order to provide for an orderly transition follow-
9 ing the biennial election of the Public Advocate, the
10 Public Advocate-elect shall not take the oath of of-
11 fice or otherwise qualify for the office for a peri-
12 od of no less than 30 days following that election.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to provide that the
15 Public Advocate shall be elected to office in the
16 same manner as is the State Auditor.

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