

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 7, 1989

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act Concerning Teacher Employment.

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

3 **20-A MRSA §13201, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 797, §50,**  
5 **is further amended to read:**

7 The superintendent shall nominate all teachers for initial  
8 employment, subject to such regulations governing salaries and  
9 the qualifications of teachers as the school board shall make.  
10 Upon the approval of nominations, by the school board, the  
11 superintendent may employ teachers so nominated and approved for  
12 such terms as the superintendent may deem proper, subject to the  
13 approval of the school board. No later than 3 months prior to  
14 the expiration of a teacher's initial employment contract and no  
15 later than 6 months prior to the expiration of a teacher's 2nd  
16 year's employment contract, the school board shall act on the  
17 renewal of the teacher's employment contract. Failure to act  
18 timely by the school board shall result in the renewal of the  
19 contract for an additional year in the case of a first year  
20 teacher or for an additional 2 years in the case of a 2nd year  
21 teacher. In case the superintendent of schools and the school  
22 board fail to legally elect a teacher, the commissioner shall  
23 have the authority to appoint a substitute teacher who shall  
24 serve until such election is made.

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#### 26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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29 The purpose of this bill is to require school boards to act  
30 on the renewal of a probationary teacher's employment contract.  
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