

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 657

S.P. 248

Received by the Secretary, February 14, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin

Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln, Representative KETTERER of Madison  
and Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Clarify the Voting Requirements for a Board Containing 3 or  
More Members.**

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

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1 MRSA §71, sub-§3 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Authority to 3 or more. Unless an enactment otherwise determines, words giving authority to 3 or more persons require a majority to constitute a quorum and a majority of the quorum to take legally binding action.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies a legal controversy regarding the number of votes needed to legally act when a board or agency has 3 or more persons and the law or ordinance establishing the board does not specifically state the necessary votes needed for legal action. The bill clarifies that a majority of a quorum of the entire board may take legally binding action.