

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 22, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representative WENTWORTH of Arundel and Representative GOODRIDGE of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Election or Appointment of
Assessors.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2526, sub-§5, ¶G is enacted to read:

6 G. Notwithstanding any other law when a vacancy occurs on
an elected board of assessors, the municipal officers shall
fill that vacancy as provided in section 2602, subsection 2.

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10 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2602, sub-§§2 and 3, as amended by PL 1989,
c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, are further amended to read:

12 2. Vacancy in office other than selectman or school
14 committee. When there is a vacancy in a town office other than
that of selectman, ~~assessor~~ or school committee, the selectmen
may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

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18 3. Vacancy in office of selectman. When there is a vacancy
in the office of selectman ~~or assessor~~, the selectmen may call a
town meeting to elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill changes current law by allowing the selectmen to
fill a vacancy on a Board of Assessors by appointment rather than
26 having to call for an election. Vacancies on the Board of
Assessors are becoming increasingly difficult to fill by election
and without a full board, a municipality can not proceed with its
28 tax assessment and collections.