

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT 'C' to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 820,  
L.D. 2019, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §103, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c.  
466, §2, is further amended to read:

1. **Population of 5,000 or over.** In a city or town that has  
a population of 5,000 or over, a board of registration consisting  
of 3 members must be appointed as follows: ~~One member-nominated  
by--the~~ The municipal committee of each of the major political  
parties shall nominate one member, who must be enrolled in the  
party of the municipal committee that nominates the member, and  
~~appointed--by~~ the municipal officers shall appoint the persons  
nominated by the municipal committees, and the 3rd member must be  
nominated by the clerk of the municipality and appointed by the  
municipal officers. The clerk of the municipality may give the  
municipal committees of the political parties a list of  
qualifications necessary for a person to fulfill the duties of  
the board of registration, and the municipal committees shall  
take those qualifications into consideration when nominating  
members to the board. The 2 members of the board nominated by  
the municipal committees of the major political parties may be  
members of the political committee nominating them and of the  
county or state committees of the political party that nominates  
them and may be members of a state or county delegation to a  
political convention. When a municipal committee nominates a  
member to the board of registration, it shall also nominate an  
alternate board member, who shall serve if the member nominated  
by the municipal committee is or becomes unable to serve.

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2           **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §103, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 466,  
§3, is amended to read:

4           **8. Removal from office.** A member of the board may be  
removed from office at any time during the member's term by the  
6 appointing authority if the appropriate nominating authority  
nominates a replacement. The replacement nominee shall serve out  
8 the remainder of the replaced member's term.'

10           Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
read consecutively.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

16           The amendment clarifies that the municipal officers must  
appoint the person nominated for membership on the board of voter  
18 registration by the municipal committee of the political  
parties. It also permits the municipal clerk to give the  
20 municipal committees of the political parties a list of  
qualifications that a person should meet to fill the positions on  
22 the board of voter registration, which the municipal committee  
must take into consideration when making a nomination. Finally,  
24 the amendment clarifies that the appointing authority may remove  
a member from the board.

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