

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 770

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Provide Farm Cooperatives More Flexibility in Establishing
Officers and Using Titles for Various Officers.**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Caribou, CLARK of
Millinocket, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, O'NEAL of Limestone,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §1873 is amended to read:**

6 **§1873. Officers**

8 The board shall elect a--president,--a--secretary--and--a
10 treasurer,--and may elect one or more vice-presidents,--and such
12 other one or more officers as may be authorized in the bylaws.
14 The--president--and--at--least--one--of--the--vice--presidents--must--be
16 members--and--directors,--but--a--vice--president--who--is--not--a--director
cannot--succeed--to--or--fill--the--office--of--president,--Any--2--of--the
offices--of--vice--president,--secretary--and--treasurer--may--be
combined--in--one--person. The bylaws of each cooperative must
provide for one or more officers, including the qualifications
for and the titles of those officers.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides cooperatives with greater flexibility in
22 establishing officers.