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HOUSE

NO. 490

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Section Six of Chapter Five of the Revised
Statutes, Relating to Ineligibility of Members of Boards of
Registration as Candidates for Elective Offices.

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

Section six of chapter five of the revised statutes is here-
2 by amended by striking out the words "or be eligible to"
3 in the third line thereof; also by striking out the words
4 "however elected or appointed thereto" in the fourth line
5 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'or
6 be candidates therefor at any election, primary election or
7 caucus,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
8 lows:

'Sect. 6. Such board shall consist of three members who
2 shall be residents and legal voters of the city where such
3 board is established; they shall not hold any state, county
4 or city office or be candidates therefor at any election, pri-
5 mary election or caucus so long as they shall continue
6 members of said board. One member of said board shall
7 be appointed and commissioned by the governor, by and
8 with the consent of the council, for the term of four years.
9 The other two members of the board shall be chosen one
10 from the political party polling the highest number of votes
11 for governor at the next preceding state election, and one
12 from the political party polling the next highest number
13 of votes for governor at said election; they shall each hold
14 their office for the term of three years; each shall be nom-
15 inated by the city committee of his own political party,
16 and upon due notice thereof in writing, the several mayors
17 of said cities shall forthwith appoint such persons, so nom-
18 inated, members of said board. If either or both of said
19 political parties refuses or neglects to seasonably nomi-
20 nate a member of such board and to notify the mayor of
21 such city, said mayor shall thereupon select and appoint
22 a member of said board from the political party so neg-
23 lecting and refusing to nominate, and said mayor shall
24 so appoint in all such cases of vacancy, whether caused by
25 death, resignation, declination, neglect or refusal to act
26 after being so appointed, or by election or appointment
27 to any state, county or city office, or however such vacancy

28 may be caused; but in cases of necessity arising from the
29 exigency of the public business, the other two members
30 may proceed therewith as provided by this chapter until
31 such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided herein.
32 And if any member of said board be absent or disqualified
33 by sickness or otherwise, such mayor shall upon notice
34 thereof forthwith fill his place by the appointment of some
35 qualified elector of said city of the same political party as
36 the absent member represents, to act in his absence.'