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H. P. 1125

House of Representatives, February 17, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thompson of Chelsea.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Assessors.

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

Sec. 1. Appointment of single assessor; option of town. Any town may elect to have one assessor in lieu of the 3 or more otherwise required by statute. Such assessor shall be appointed by the municipal officers as provided in section 2 of this act. He shall hold office for an indefinite term during satisfactory service unless the town otherwise fixes the term of office, and may be removed only for cause by the municipal officers after hearing. The assessor so appointed shall receive such compensation as the town shall provide, and shall have all powers and duties otherwise imposed by statute on assessors or boards of assessors in towns. The assessor may employ such clerical assistance as is authorized by the town.

Sec. 2. Method of selecting assessor. Prior to any appointment of assessor, all candidates for the office shall be examined by a committee of 3 consisting of one person appointed by the state tax assessor, one person appointed by the municipal officers, and a third person selected by the other 2 committee members. Each candidate shall file an application stating in detail his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

The committee shall provide for additional tests to ascertain the fitness of the individual candidates. The committee shall submit to the municipal officers a written report of the qualifications of each candidate, indicating their numerical rating based upon the application and the examination, which report shall be filed in the office of the municipal clerk as a public record. Such report shall state the extent to which each individual possesses a knowledge of the subject of taxation and the valuation of property, together with skill in matters pertaining thereto. The appointment shall be made from the 3 persons ranking highest in the examination.