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**Legislative Document**

**No. 983**

S. P. 423

In Senate, February 28, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Town, County and State Officials in Military Service.**

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

R. S., c. 79, § 269-B, additional. Chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 269-B, to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 269-B. Officials in military service.** Whenever any town, county or state official, during his term of office, shall, in time of war, contemplated war, emergency or limited emergency, enlist, enroll, be called or ordered or be drafted into the military or naval service of the United States or any branch or unit thereof, he shall not be deemed or held to have thereby resigned from or abandoned his said office, nor shall he be removable therefrom during the period of his said military or naval service except that his term of office shall not be held to have been lengthened by reason of the provisions of this section. From the time of his induction into such service, he shall be regarded as on leave of absence without pay from his said office, and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, in the case of a county or state official, and the municipal officers, in the case of a town official, shall appoint another person from the same political

party to fill said office while said official is in the federal service but not for a longer period than the remaining portion of the term of said official. During the period of said military or naval service, the said substitute official shall be paid a salary at the same rate of pay of the official in service and amounts so paid shall be deducted from the salary of said official in service. The official so appointed to fill the temporary vacancy shall possess all the rights and powers and be subject to all the duties and obligations of the official for whom he is substituting.'