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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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OF THE

State Of Maine

VOLUME VI

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House of Representatives
March 10, 1992 to March 31, 1992

Senate
January 8, 1992 to March 9, 1992

Certificates or the Achievement of Functional Literacy (H.P. 1544) (L.D. 2177) (C. "A" H-1058)

An Act to Exempt Certain Municipalities from Interest Imposed by the State (H.P. 1581) (L.D. 2231) (C. "A" H-1039)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following item appearing on Supplement No. 13 was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PASSED TO BE ENACTED

Bond Issue

An Act to Finance Rapid Employment Opportunities for the People of Maine (S.P. 946) (L.D. 2410) (S. "C" S-612)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 78 voted in favor of same and 34 against, and accordingly the Bond Issue was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion of Representative Lawrence of Kittery, the House reconsidered its action whereby (S.P. 820) (L.D. 2019) Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws" Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) was passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, the Committee Report was read and accepted, the bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) was read by the Clerk.

Representative Lawrence of Kittery offered House Amendment "A" (H-1104) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-1104) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Lawrence.

Representative LAWRENCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: L.D. 2019 is the omnibus election bill where the Legal Affairs Committee put all the legislation that it unanimously agreed upon, changes to the election laws.

The House Amendment I have offered is a change to that bill that would require the members of your Board of Voter Registration in those towns having a board that are members representing the political parties to be appointed by the political parties rather than the process they are nominated by the political parties now and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

This is a divided issue coming out of the

Committee on Legal Affairs and this amendment, if you choose to accept it, would provide that the political parties in each town have the final say over who the member of the Board of Registration representing that party are. I would urge you to adopt this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waldo, Representative Whitcomb.

Representative WHITCOMB: Mr. Speaker, just a point of clarification to the Chairman of the Committee — in the instance of the communities where there is an election and an emergency where they are unable to contact the chairman of either political party, are there provisions in the amendment or the proposed legislation that would allow for exceptions to this?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Waldo, Representative Whitcomb, has posed a question through the Chair to Representative Lawrence of Kittery who may respond if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that Representative.

Representative LAWRENCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: To answer the question, in state law it allows now for the appointment of an alternative member to the member on the Board of Registration so there is already an alternate to that person representing the party on the Board of Registration. So, if something should happen, a member of the Board of Registration pass away or be in the hospital, the alternate would be the one who would serve.

Subsequently, House Amendment "A" (H-1104) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) was adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1104) thereto was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the bill was read a second time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-617) as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1104) thereto in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The following items appearing on Supplement No. 4 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES
REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bill was received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following Committee, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

Human Resources

Bill "An Act to Legalize Marijuana for Medicinal Purposes" (H.P. 1729) (L.D. 2420) (Presented by Representative POWERS of Coplin Plantation) (Cosponsored by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham, Senator CONLEY of Cumberland and Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested reference to the Committee on Judiciary.)

On motion of Representative Paradis of Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Human Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.