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6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2055, L.D. 2002, Bill, 7 "AN ACT to Provide Staggered Expiration Dates for Terms of 8 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council Members."

9 Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the 10 first line after the enacting clause (page 2, line 7 in 11 L.D.) the abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

12 Further amend the bill by adding after the word "quali-13 fied." in the last line before the emergency clause (page 2, 14 line 13 in L.D.) the following:

15 'Successors shall serve a term, or an unexpired term, which
16 begins at the expiration of the predecessor's one-year,
17 2-year or 3-year term.'

18 Further amend the bill by inserting before the emer-19 gency clause the following:

20 'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7033, sub-§4, ¶A, as repealed and 21 replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, §2, is amended to read:

22 <u>A.</u> The council shall render to the commissioner infor-23 mation and advice concerning the administration of the 24 department and carry out other duties specifically del-25 egated by chapters 701 to 721; and

26 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7033, sub-§4, ¶¶C to E are enacted to 27 read:

28 C. All regular and special meetings of the council
29 shall be public meetings and shall be held in a public
30 meeting place convenient for the public;

31D. Public comment shall be accepted at regular and32special meetings of the council. Comments may be re-33stricted to subjects before the council at the meeting34and consistent with any applicable requirements and

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limitations of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375; and

Public notice of all regular and special council Ε. meetings shall be made in a daily newspaper of general riculation, in the geographic area where the meeting is scheduled, at least 7 days and not more than 21 days prior to the meeting. Included in the notice shall be an agenda or purpose of the meeting. The notice may be combined with any other notice of the meeting required by law.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment assures the continuation of the stag-13 gered terms' expiration dates if a council member terminates 14 his membership prior to the expiration of his term. In ad-15 dition, the amendment requires the meetings of the advisory council to be public and permits comments from the public on 16 17 subjects under consideration by the council at the meetings. 18

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