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STATE OF MAINE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "C " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1390, L.D. 1892, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Compact for Maine's Forests"

Amend the amendment in section 10 in that part designated "~~§8870-C~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Board established; membership; termination. The Sustainable Forest Management Audit Board, referred to in this subchapter as the "board," is established within the Department of Conservation to develop the program and oversee its implementation by the bureau. The bureau shall provide staff assistance to the board within existing budgeted resources. The board has no regulatory authority. Meetings of the board are public meetings.

The board consists of 7 members who must be appointed no later than January 1, 1997 and shall serve until termination of the board in 2002. The Governor shall appoint each member, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters and to confirmation by the Senate. The board shall select a chair from its membership.

The board must be composed of a balance of members who have expertise in forest management, timber harvesting, wildlife, and conservation and ecological principles, including landowners who are eligible to participate in the program and members of the general public.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1390,  
L.D. 1892

A vacancy on the board must be filled as provided for initial  
appointees in this subsection. Board members are not entitled to  
compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

This subsection is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the  
Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment requires that appointments to the Sustainable  
Forest Management Audit Board be reviewed by the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry  
matters and be confirmed by the Senate. The amendment also  
requires the board to select a chair from its membership.

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