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An Act to Amend the Membership of the Revenue Forecasting Committee

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1710-E**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 2, §1, is
further amended to read:

6 **§1710-E. Revenue Forecasting Committee; established;**
8 **membership**

10 There is established the Revenue Forecasting Committee,
referred to in this chapter as the "committee," for the purpose
12 of providing the Governor, the Legislature and the State Budget
Officer with analyses, findings and recommendations relating to
14 the projection of revenues for the General Fund and the Highway
Fund based on economic assumptions recommended by the Consensus
Economic Forecasting Commission. The committee includes the
16 State Budget Officer, the State Tax Assessor, the State
Economist, an economist on the faculty of the University of Maine
18 System selected by the chancellor, the Director of the Office of
Fiscal and Program Review and ~~another member of the Legislature's~~
20 ~~nonpartisan--staff~~ a member of the public, appointed by the
Legislative Council, who works for a private, for-profit business
22 and is familiar with revenue estimating issues ~~appointed by the~~
~~Legislative-Council~~. One of the 6 members must be selected by a
24 majority vote of the committee members to serve as the chair of
the committee.

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill changes the membership of the Revenue Forecasting
Committee by replacing one of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff
32 members with a public member who works for a private, for-profit
business.