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An Act To Provide for the Efficient Administration of Family Development Accounts

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested
and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWEN of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook, KAELIN of Winterport, NASS of Acton, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland,
NASS of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1079, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 417,
5 §17 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Committee membership.** The committee consists of 12
7 members as follows:

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9 A. Four members appointed by the Governor, including one
10 representative of the Maine State Housing Authority, one
11 representative of the Department of Health and Human
12 Services and 2 representatives of financial institutions
13 participating in the program;

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15 B. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, including one person who is an account
17 holder or is eligible to be an account holder, 2
18 representatives of contributors of matching funds to the
19 program and one representative of a community development
20 organization; and

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22 C. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate,
23 including one representative of a contributor of matching
24 funds to the program, one representative of a statewide
25 community development foundation, one person who is an
26 account holder or is eligible to be an account holder and
27 one representative of a community development organization.

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29 Members from state departments serve at the pleasure of their
30 appointing authorities. All other members serve 3-year terms and
31 may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors
32 are appointed ~~but may not be appointed to subsequent consecutive~~
33 ~~terms.~~ If a vacancy occurs before a term has expired, the
34 vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by
35 the authority who made the original appointment. If a member is
36 absent for 2 consecutive meetings and has not been excused by the
37 chair from either meeting, the committee may remove the member by
38 majority vote.

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40 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1079, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 518,
41 §2, is amended to read:

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43 **6. Voluntary service.** Members of the committee, except
44 members representing account holders, serve without compensation
45 or reimbursement for expenses.
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SUMMARY

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4 This bill allows members of the Advisory Committee on Family
6 Development Accounts to serve for consecutive terms. It also
 allows expenses to be paid for members of the advisory committee
 representing account holders as was enacted by Public Law 2003,
 chapter 673, Part QQ, section 1.