An Act To Clarify Matters Relating to the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1965. sub-§2. "B. as amended by PL 1999, c. 177, §3, is further amended to read:

B. Immediately after their appointments, the members of the authority shall enter upon their duties. The Governor shall name one of the appointed members as chair of the authority. The authority shall elect a secretary and a treasurer, who need not be members of the authority. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held simultaneously by the same person. The authority shall elect an executive director or general manager who is not a member of the authority. A vacancy in the authority does not impair the right of a quorum of the members to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1965. sub-§2. "C. as amended by PL 1983, c. 812, §143, is further amended to read:

C. Before the issuance of any bonds under this chapter, the secretary and the treasurer shall each execute a security bond in the penalty of $100,000. Each security bond must be approved by the Attorney General and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the secretary's and treasurer's offices, which bond must be filed in the office of the State Auditor. Each member of the authority is entitled to compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379. The Governor may remove a member from the authority only for gross misconduct.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority may be held simultaneously by 2 persons or by one person.