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## 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2013**

**Legislative Document** 

No. 207

H.P. 168

House of Representatives, February 5, 2013

An Act Regarding the Factors Considered in Determining the Best Interest of a Child in a Court Award of Parental Rights and Responsibilities

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§3, ¶B,</b> as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:
4 5 6	B. The relationship of the child with the child's parents and any other persons who may significantly affect the child's welfare, including but not limited to current spouses or domestic partners of the child's parents;
7	SUMMARY
8	Current law requires the court, in deciding issues regarding a child's residence and
9	parent-child contact, to consider the relationship of the child with persons who may
10	significantly affect the child's welfare. This bill specifically includes in this category of
11	persons the current spouses or domestic partners of the child's parents.