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132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 410

In Senate, March 11, 2025

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the
Government Oversight Committee**

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and
Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation amends the laws governing the membership of the
4 Government Oversight Committee; and

5 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible during the current
6 legislative session in order to clarify the membership requirements of the committee; and

7 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
8 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §993, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 417, §1, is further
13 amended to read:

14 The membership of the committee and the selection of chairs are established by joint
15 rule of the Legislature. ~~Beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the~~
16 ~~committee must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having~~
17 ~~jurisdiction over taxation matters and at least one member must be a member of the joint~~
18 ~~standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development~~
19 ~~matters. No 2 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing~~
20 ~~committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party.~~

21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
22 takes effect when approved.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill removes the requirement that, beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least
25 one member of the Government Oversight Committee be a member of the joint standing
26 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and at least one
27 member be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
28 over economic development matters. It also removes language that states that no 2
29 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the
30 Legislature and also members of the same political party.