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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 677, L.D. 1731, "An Act to Increase the Influence of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board on the Funding and Operations of the Maine State Ferry Service"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4302, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §2, is further amended to read:

§4302. Membership

The membership of the board consists of one person from each of the island municipalities and plantations serviced by the Maine State Ferry System and 3 4 members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, one of which must be a municipal officer from Rockland, Lincolnville or Tremont. ~~The members~~ Each member representing the an island municipalities and plantations shall municipality or plantation must be the chief administrative official of the island or a current member of the governing body of the island and must be appointed by the municipal officers of the member's municipality or by the assessors of the member's plantation ~~and all.~~ All members shall serve a term of office of 2 years. Each island municipality shall appoint one alternate member to the board. In the absence of the island's primary representative, its alternate may represent the island at all board meetings. Vacancies in membership must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §4303, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Public meetings. Meetings of the board must be public meetings as provided by Title 1, section 403.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §4304, as amended by PL 1985, c. 253, is further amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

§4304. Duties

The board shall advise the Department of Transportation on matters relating to the Maine State Ferry Service and shall submit to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by December 15th an annual report, which shall must include recommendations for change to the Maine State Ferry Service and comments upon the present and future needs of that service. The Department of Transportation shall also prepare and submit an annual report by December 15th to the board, to the island municipalities and plantations served by the Maine State Ferry Service and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. The report must include the operating and capital costs, past and projected costs, significant successes and challenges and policy issues of the Maine State Ferry Service. Written reports and comments shall must be available to the public.

The board, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall name ferry terminals and ferries constructed for and maintained by the Department of Transportation to operate as part of the Maine State Ferry Service.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment does the following.

1. It increases, from 3 to 4, the number of members of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation and requires one of those members of the board to be a municipal officer from Rockland, Lincolnville or Tremont.

2. It requires a member of the board representing an island municipality or plantation, who is appointed by the municipal officers of the member's municipality or by the assessors of the member's plantation, to be the chief administrative official of the island or a current member of the governing body of the island.

3. It requires the board to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, in addition to the Commissioner of Transportation.

4. It requires the Department of Transportation to prepare and submit a report to the board, the island municipalities and plantations served by the Maine State Ferry Service and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. The report must include the operating and capital costs, past and projected costs, significant successes and challenges and policy issues of the Maine State Ferry Service.

5. It requires meetings of the board to be public meetings as provided by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 403.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1731

LR 2108(02)

An Act to Increase the Influence of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board on the Funding and Operations of the Maine State Ferry Service

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-339)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Transportation from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.