

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1960**

S. P. 628

Governor's Bill to the Committee on Labor suggested and 1700 ordered printed.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator McNally of Hancock

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT to Amend the Appeal Procedures in the Employment Security Law**

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

26 MRSA § 1194, sub-§ 5, next to the last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 710, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Any proceedings so removed to the commission shall be heard in accordance with the requirements in subsection 3. All hearings conducted to this section may be heard by a quorum of commissioners.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment would allow all hearings before the commission to be heard by a quorum of commissioners. Presently a quorum of commissioners may hold a hearing in only a limited number of circumstances. The number of appeals to the commission has increased tremendously resulting in a backlog of cases. Allowing 2 commissioners to conduct a hearing would serve to expedite these cases and allow the commission to be more prompt in their decisions.