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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-287)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 803, L.D. 1006, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Term of Membership on the Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife Advisory Council."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1955, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977,
c. 78, §50, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1955. Advisory council

1. Appointment. There is established an advisory council,
which shall consist of one member representing each of the
management units the commissioner establishes to administer this
chapter. Members of the advisory council shall be appointed by
the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee
on Fisheries and Wildlife, and to confirmation by the Legislature.
The commissioner shall be a nonvoting member of the council
ex officio, but may vote to break a tie.

2. Length of terms. Appointments shall be for a term of
3 years and until successors are appointed and qualified. No
person shall serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Upon
the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so
appointed, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve for the
unexpired term.

3. Expenses. The members of the advisory council shall
receive \$25 per day for their services and the council shall be
allowed actual expenses not to exceed \$2,500 for each fiscal year.

4. Duties.

A. The council shall render to the commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the department.

B. The council shall hold regular meetings with the commissioner or his deputy in December and May of each year and special meetings at such other times and places as would seem advisable.

5. Officers. At the meeting held in May of each year, the council may elect one of its members as chairman and one as vice chairman.

Sec. 2. Transition provision. Present members of the council shall serve until the expiration of their terms. After the effective date of this Act, appointments may be made for any management unit not then represented on the advisory council, except that the total number of council members shall not exceed the total number of management units.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

Present members are appointed to the ^{Inland} Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council to represent counties. This amendment provides for representation based on wildlife management units. The amendment also provides for confirmation of the council by the Legislature, enables the commissioner to cast a vote to break a tie and increase total allowable expenses from \$2,000 to \$2,500.