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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 305

H. P. 272

House of Representatives, January 20, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Conners of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning Election of the Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7033, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 2, is amended to read:

1. **Council established.** There is established an advisory council, which shall consist of one member representing each of the management units the commissioner establishes to administer chapters 701 to 721. ~~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.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7033, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. **Election; length of term.** Each member of the advisory council shall be elected by the qualified electors of the management unit which that member represents. The election of members shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November. The term of the members shall be 3 years commencing on the first of January following their election. No person may serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Upon the death or resignation of a member

or if a vacancy occurs for any other reason before the natural expiration of the member's term, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve until a new member can be elected at the next general or statewide election to be held in November following the vacancy.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the popular election of members on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.