

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 532

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7 H.P. 439

House of Representatives, February 2, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on February 2, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Agriculture, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Michael of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Representative Lewis of Auburn and Senator Erwin of
11 Oxford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the State Harness Racing
18 Commission.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 8 MRSA §261, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771,
23 §103, is further amended to read:

24 §261. Commission

25 The State Harness Racing Commission, as hereto-
26 fore established and hereinafter in this chapter
27 called the "commission," shall consist of 3 members
28 who shall be appointed and may be for cause removed
29 by the Governor. Commencing January 1, 1987, all
30 members of the commission shall be appointed or reap-
31 pointed by the Governor, subject to review by the
32 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
33 jurisdiction over agriculture and confirmation by the

1 Legislature. No more than 2 members shall be of the
2 same political party. One member shall, in some
3 capacity, be connected with agricultural societies
4 which operate pari-mutuel racing. Upon the expira-
5 tion of the term of office of any member, his succes-
6 sor shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any
7 vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unex-
8 pired term. The members shall serve until their suc-
9 cessors are appointed and qualified. So far as
10 practicable, they shall be persons interested in the
11 establishment and development of a Maine breed of
12 standard bred horses and no member of the commission
13 shall have any pecuniary interest in any racing or
14 the sale of pari-mutuel pools licensed under this
15 chapter.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The purpose of this bill is to require legis-
18 lative confirmation of all appointments to the State
19 Harness Racing Commission by the Governor after Janu-
20 ary 1, 1987.

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