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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. 657

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7 S.P. 220

In Senate, February 9, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and
ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Cashman of Old Town, Representative Locke
of Sebec and Senator Hichens of York.

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 to Amend the Statute
18 Relative to the Appointment of the
19 Commissioner of Educational and
20 Cultural Services.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 20-A MRSA §251, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981,
25 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the following
26 enacted in its place:

27 1. Appointment. The commissioner shall be
28 appointed by the Governor subject to review by the
29 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
30 jurisdiction over Education and to confirmation by
31 the Legislature. At least 10 days before the Gover-
32 nor seeks review by the joint standing committee, he
33 shall consult with the State Board of Education
34 regarding his proposed appointee.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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2 The appointment of the Commissioner of Educa-
3 tional and Cultural Services from a list prepared by
4 the State Board of Education has proven to be costly,
5 ineffective and time consuming. In 1979, 2 acting
6 commissioners had to be appointed before a new com-
7 missioner was selected in August. The lengthy delay
8 created a leadership vacuum in the department, which
9 will be avoided whenever there are vacancies in the
10 office of the commissioner if this bill is enacted.

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