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| | ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLA | ATURE |
| Legis | slative Document | No. 2237 |
| S.P. 8 | 388 In Ser | nate, March 19, 1986 |
| pursu R | Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legis ant to Joint Rule 26. Referred to the Committee on State Government. Ser rrence and ordered printed. | |
| | JOY J. O'BRIEN, Se | cretary of the Senate |
| | nted by Senator Violette of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake, Sena oscot and Representative Carter of Winslow. | tor Pearson of |
| | STATE OF MAINE | |
| | IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-S | SIX |
| | AN ACT to Establish the New Engla Eastern Canada Legislative Commis | |
| latu | Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts or do not become effective until urnment unless enacted as emergencies | 90 days after |
| | Whereas, a Maine-New Brunswick Legince is already in the planning stage | |
| | Whereas, this bill is immediately r that the conference become a reali | |
| thes the legi vati | Whereas, in the judgment of the e facts create an emergency within to Constitution of Maine and require slation as immediately necessary for on of the public peace, health and efore, | the meaning of the following the preser- |
| | t enacted by the People of the State | e of Maine as |

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| 1 2 | Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 10, first 3 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place: |
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| 3 | CHAPTER 10 |
| 4 | MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS |
| 5 | SUBCHAPTER I |
| 6 7 | MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMISSION AND OFFICE |

- 8 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §225, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 605, §1, is amended to read:
- 10 6. Administer certain funds. Administer those funds which may be available to it for the purposes of assisting in the development of improved relations and cooperation both between Maine and Canada, especially between the Legislature of Maine and the legislative bodies of Canada.
- The director shall administer the funds and pay the necessary expenses for the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission.

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Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004, subsection 12, shall consist of 7 members, all of whom shall be citizens of this State. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members, 2 for a term of one year and 2 for a term of 2 years who must be members of the House of Representatives who shall each hold office from the date of his appointments until the term of his election to the Legislature expires . The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members, 2 one for a term of one year and one for a term of years 2 who must be Senators who shall each hold office from the date of his appointments until the term of his election to the Legislature expires. At least one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House shall be fluent in the French language. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacan-

- 1 cy shall be filled for the remainder of the term in 2 the same manner as the original appointment.
- 3 Sec. 4. 3 MRSA c. 10, sub-c. II is enacted to 4 read:

SUBCHAPTER II

NEW ENGLAND AND EASTERN CANADA LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

§231. Commission

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- 1. Commission. The New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, as established by Title
 5, section 12004, subsection 12, and in this chapter
 called the "commission," shall consist of 4 members
 from Maine, together with the same number of members
 appointed according to the laws of each of the other
 member jurisdictions.
- 2. Membership. The members of the commission from Maine shall be the 2 Senators and the 2 members of the House of Representatives who are appointed to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission pursuant to section 227.
- 3. Term. Each member of the commission from
 Maine shall hold office from the date of his appointment until the term of his election to the Legislature expires.
- 4. Compensation. Members of the commission from Maine shall be compensated in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379.
- 5. Chairmen. The members of the commission from Maine shall, by majority vote, select the co-chairman or chairmen who shall, together with a co-chairman selected by the members of the commission from the other member jurisdictions, preside over the commission.
- 6. Meetings. The commission shall meet at such times and places as are mutually agreed upon by the cochairmen.

| 1 | §232. Powers and duties |
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| 2 3 | The commission has the following powers and duties: |
| 4 5 6 7 8 | 1. Facilitate relations. To recommend to the Legislature of Maine and the legislative bodies of other member jurisdictions methods of facilitating relations and strengthening regional cooperation between the member jurisdictions; |
| 9 10 11 | 2. Exchanges. To encourage economic, cultural and educational exchanges between the member jurisdictions; |
| 12 13 14 | 3. Legislative conference. To host the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Conference and to select the site for that conference; and |
| 15 16 17 | 4. Mutual interest. To identify mutual interests shared by the member jurisdictions and to recommend methods of fostering those mutual interests. |
| 18 19 | Sec. 5. 5 MRSA $\$12004$, sub- $\$12$, $\$A$, sub- $\$(10-A)$ is enacted to read: |
| 20 21 22 23 24 | (10-A) State Govern- ment Mew England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission A MRSA §231 |
| 25 26 27 | Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. |
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| 31 32 33 34 35 | All Other \$10,000 Provides funds to be adminis- tered by the Maine-Canadian |

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | Legislative Advisory Office for expenses incurred by the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission. |
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| 9 10 11 | Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. |
| 12 | STATEMENT OF FACT |
| 13 14 15 16 | This bill establishes the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to facilitate relations between Maine and other New England States and Canadian Provinces and to work towards their mutual in- |

terests.