

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Representative LACROIX from the Committee on
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Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Regarding the Membership of the Maine
2 Committee on Aging.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5108, as amended by PL 1983, c.
7 862, §72, is repealed.

8 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5108-A is enacted to read:

9 §5108-A. Committee established; memberships; ap-
10 pointments

11 The Maine Committee on Aging, established pursu-
12 ant to Title 5, chapter 379, is an independent agency
13 outside the Department of Human Services.

1 1. Membership, general qualifications. The com-
2 mittee shall be composed of 15 members who shall be
3 citizens of the State. The members shall have an
4 unselfish and demonstrated interest in older people,
5 a knowledge of the status of survival common to the
6 State's elderly and an unwavering allegiance to the
7 challenge of the declaration of a people made by
8 older Americans.

9 2. Appointment; specific qualifications. Mem-
10 bers of the committee shall meet the specific quali-
11 fications of and shall be appointed as provided in
12 this subsection.

13 A. The Governor shall appoint 13 members who are
14 current leaders of the State's elderly from a
15 number of fields, such as income, health, housing
16 and community and social services, and who have
17 proven experience in private, public and volun-
18 tary organizations on the state, regional and
19 community level, such as statewide membership
20 groups, task forces on aging, regional and county
21 councils of older people and municipal level sen-
22 ior citizens clubs.

23 B. At least 2 members of the committee shall be
24 current Members of the Legislature, one from the
25 House of Representatives who shall be appointed
26 by the the Speaker of the House and one from the
27 Senate who shall be appointed by the President of
28 the Senate.

29 C. At least 8 members shall be older Americans.
30 An official, employee, consultant or any other
31 individual employed, retained or otherwise com-
32 pensated by or representative of the executive
33 branch of State Government shall not be a member
34 of the committee.

35 3. Terms and reappointments. Legislative mem-
36 bers shall serve during their legislative terms. The
37 other members shall be appointed for terms of 3
38 years. Members may be reappointed, but no member may
39 serve more than 2 consecutive full terms of 3 years
40 each. Members may serve after the expiration of
41 their terms until their successors have been ap-
42 pointed and qualified.

1 A. The Governor may terminate the appointment of
2 any member of the committee for just cause and
3 the reason for the termination of each appoint-
4 ment shall be communicated to each member termi-
5 nated. The appointment of any member of the com-
6 mittee shall be terminated if a member is absent
7 from 3 consecutive meetings without just cause
8 that is communicated to the chairman.

9 4. Vacancies. Any member appointed to fill a
10 vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term
11 for which his predecessor was appointed shall be ap-
12 pointed only for the remainder of that term.

13 A. Any vacancy in the committee shall not affect
14 its powers, but shall be filled in the same man-
15 ner as the original appointment was made.

16 5. Chairman; number of meetings. The Governor
17 shall designate the chairman from among the members
18 appointed to the committee. The committee shall meet
19 at the call of the chairman, but not less often than
20 4 times a year.

21 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5109, as amended by PL 1973, c.
22 793, §9, is repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 The purpose of this new draft is to address an
25 inconsistency between the provisions of the bill and
26 current law. The new draft incorporates 2 sections
27 of law, one of which was inconsistent with the bill
28 and establishes consistency within the law.

1 The initial bill provided that the Speaker of the
2 House and the President of the Senate appoint the 2
3 legislative members. One section of the law that was
4 not amended by the bill provided that the Governor
5 would appoint all the members of the committee.

6 The new draft make no substantive changes and is
7 designed to make the law more easily understood.

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