

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 1186

H.P. 885. House of Representatives, April 9, 1987
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives CARROLL of Gray, ANTHONY
of South Portland, and Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Require the Members of the Maine
Turnpike Authority to be Confirmed.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by
PL 1981, c. 698, §102, is further amended to read:

A. ~~The authority shall consist of 4 members and, in addition, the Commissioner of Transportation shall be a member ex-officio. The 4 members holding office on the effective date of this chapter shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms of office for which they were originally appointed, and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. The authority shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Gov-~~

ernor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation and subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The Commissioner of Transportation shall be a member ex officio. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, the Governor shall appoint a new member who shall serve in office for a term of 7 years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, and any member of the authority shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the authority caused by the death, incapacity, resignation or removal of a member, the Governor shall appoint a member to fill that vacancy only for the unexpired term of office of the member whose death, incapacity, resignation or removal created the vacancy, but the newly appointed member may be reappointed at the end of the unexpired term in accordance with this subsection. In all events, no member may be appointed to the authority who is not a resident of the State at the time of his appointment and qualification, or who has not been a qualified voter in the State for a period of at least one year next preceding his appointment.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

B. Immediately after their appointments, the members of the authority shall enter upon their duties. The Governor shall name one of the appointed members as chairman of the authority and he shall appoint an executive director. The executive director's appointment shall be subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation and subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The authority shall elect a secretary and treasurer who need not be a member of the authority, ~~and shall elect an executive director or general manager who is not a member of the~~ authority. Three members of the authority shall constitute a quorum and 3 votes shall be required for the authority to act on any matter, although a lesser number may adjourn. No vacancy in the authority impairs the right of a quorum of the

1 members to exercise all the rights and perform
2 all the duties of the authority.

3 Sec. 3. Application. Members of the Maine Turn-
4 pike Authority who are serving a term of office on
5 the effective date of this Act are not required to
6 have their terms renewed or confirmed by the Legisla-
7 ture.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill requires legislative review and confir-
10 mation of members of the Maine Turnpike Authority and
11 its executive director.

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