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H.P. 122

House of Representatives, February 14, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETOVER of Portland.

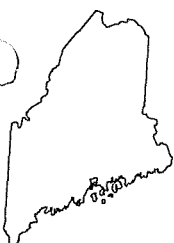
Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase the Membership of the Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1
Telephone Advisory Committee.

(EMERGENCY)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3 as emergencies; and

5 Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2925,
6 establishes an E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee to advise and assist
7 the Department of Public Safety in the development of a statewide
8 enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system; and

9 Whereas, emergency medical systems are an integral part of
10 the public safety network within the State; and

11 Whereas, representation by the emergency medical services
12 community on the E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee would be beneficial
13 to the work of that committee; and

14 Whereas, Title 25, section 2925 does not now specifically
15 provide for the representation of the emergency medical services
16 profession on the E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee; and

17 Whereas, the work of the E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee was due
18 to start on January 1, 1989 and is bound by a strict timetable
19 for its implementation; and

20 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
21 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
22 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
23 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
24 safety; now, therefore,

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

26 **25 MRSA §2925, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840,**
27 **§3, are amended to read:**

28 1. **Membership.** The E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee shall be
29 composed of ~~11~~ 13 members; one appointed by the Public Utilities
30 Commission; one appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety;
31 and 9 11 appointed by the Governor, including one who is a
32 municipal official, one who is a chief of a municipal police
33 department, one who is the chief of a municipal fire department,
34 one who is a county sheriff, one who represents small telephone
35 companies, one who represents the largest provider of local
36 exchange telephone services, one who represents a direct provider
37 of emergency medical services, one who is a physician,
38 physician's assistant or nurse directly involved with emergency
39 medicine and 3 to represent the public-at-large.

40 2. **Terms of office.** The members appointed by the Public
41 Utilities Commission and the department shall serve at the
42 pleasure of the appointing authority. The remaining members
43 shall serve terms of 3 years, except that, of the initial 9 11

1 members appointed by the Governor, 3 4 shall be appointed for
2 terms of 3 years, 3 4 for terms of 2 years and 3 for terms of one
3 year. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority to
4 complete the term of the appointee who vacated the office.
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6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
7 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill adds 2 members to the E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee
to ensure the adequate and proper representation of the emergency
15 medical services community on that committee.

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