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House of Representatives, June 13, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

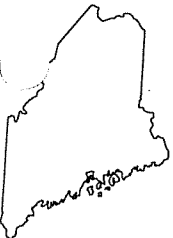
Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Palmyra and Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Commission on
Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering.

(EMERGENCY)



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

5 Whereas, in order for the nominations for appointment to the
7 Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering to be made in
a timely manner and for the work of the commission to begin prior
9 to the expiration of the 90-day period, this legislation must be
enacted as an emergency measure; and

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

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

19 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§20-A is enacted to read:**

21	<u>20-A. Environ-</u>	<u>Commission on</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>7 MRSA §231</u>
23	<u>ment</u>	<u>Biotechnology</u>	<u>Only</u>	
		<u>and Genetic</u>		
25		<u>Engineering</u>		

27 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §231, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 805,**
§2, is amended to read:

29 **1. Members; terms.** The Commission on Biotechnology and
31 Genetic Engineering, as established in Title 5, section 12004
12004-I, subsection 10 20-A, shall be composed of 9 11 members
33 appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
35 agriculture and confirmation by the Legislature. To provide the
knowledge and experience necessary for carrying out the duties of
37 the commission, one person shall be appointed who has practical
experience and knowledge in agricultural procedures, one who has
39 practical experience and knowledge in environmental and
conservation issues, a health care professional, a representative
41 from the forest products industry, the Director of the Maine
Agricultural Experiment Station, a representative from the marine
43 fisheries industry, a person appointed to represent the general
public, one practicing scientist who shall be a representative of
45 industry and one practicing scientist who shall be a
representative of the academic community. The terms shall be for
47 4 years, except that, of the initial appointees, 3 shall serve
4-year terms, 2 shall serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year
49 terms and 2 shall serve a one-year term. Any vacancy shall be
filled by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired
51 term. Two members shall be appointed as ex officio members, one
of whom shall be the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources or the commissioner's designee and the other shall be

1 the Executive Director of the Maine Science and Technology
2 Commission.

3 **Sec. 3. PL 1987, c. 805, §§3, 4 and 5 are amended to read:**

5 **Sec. 3. Appointment; convening of commission.** Appointment
7 Nominations for appointment of the members to of the commission
8 shall be made by July 1, 1988 June 15, 1989. The Governor shall
9 call the commission together for its first meeting no later than
10 August 15, 1988 1989.

11 **Sec. 4. Work plan.** By January 15, 1989 1990, the commission
12 shall issue a plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture
13 in which a work plan, time schedule, and staffing and budget
14 requirements for performing the duties outlined in the Maine
15 Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 233 are provided.

16 **Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
17 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

18 ~~1988-89~~ 1989-90

19 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL**
20 **RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

21 **Bureau of Agricultural Production**

22 All Other \$4,000

23 Provides funding for 6
24 meetings of the 9-member
25 11-member Commission on
26 Biotechnology and Genetic
27 Engineering and for
28 departmental staffing.

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
30 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill increases the membership of the Commission on
33 Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, amends the nomination and
34 reporting dates and the appropriation as enacted by Public Law
35 1987, chapter 805.