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House of Representatives, January 8, 1990

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Island Falls, Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor and Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Improve the Organizational Structure of the Fish and
Wildlife Advisory Council.**



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

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4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§20, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 786, §5, is amended to read:

6 20. Inland Inland \$25/Day 12 MRSA
7 Fisheries and Fisheries §7033
8 Wildlife and §7033-A
9 Wildlife
10 Advisory
11 Council
12 (~~to~~-the
13 Department
14 of ~~Inland~~
15 Fisheries
16 and ~~Wildlife~~)

18 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7033, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §4 and
19 c. 503, Pt. B, §64, is repealed.

20 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7033-A is enacted to read:

22 §7033-A. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

24 1. Appointment. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory
25 Council, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 20,
26 shall consist of 10 members representing the 16 counties of the
27 State in the following manner: one member shall represent
28 Androscoggin County, Kennebec County and Sagadahoc County; one
29 member shall represent Aroostook County; one member shall
30 represent Cumberland County; one member shall represent Franklin
31 County and Oxford County; one member shall represent Hancock
32 County; one member shall represent Knox County, Lincoln County
33 and Waldo County; one member shall represent Penobscot County;
34 one member shall represent Piscataquis County and Somerset
35 County; one member shall represent Washington County; and one
36 member shall represent York County. Members of the advisory
37 council shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by
38 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
39 jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters and to
40 confirmation by the Legislature. The commissioner shall be a
41 nonvoting ex officio member of the advisory council, but may vote
42 to break a tie.

44 2. Length of terms. Appointments must be for a term of 3
45 years and until successors are appointed and qualified. A person
46 may not serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. On the death,
47 resignation or removal from office of any person appointed to the
48 advisory council, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve
49 for the unexpired term.

of the State. Wildlife management units were established
2 primarily on the basis of land use and climatic conditions, and
as a result, each advisory council member represents varying
4 numbers of residents. At the present time, one advisory council
member represents nearly 50% of the entire population. In
6 addition, certain council members are situated an extremely long
distance away from some of the people they represent.

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This bill will increase the number of advisory council
10 members from 8 to 10 and establish representation largely on the
basis of population centers, rather than on wildlife management
12 units, through the use of county lines. This change will allow
advisory council members to be more accessible to the people they
14 represent and ensure that the general public is afforded
equitable representation on fish and wildlife issues.