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An Act Regarding the Selection of Arbitrators in Labor Disputes.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

W. Mayo

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Sanford.

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §931-A is enacted to read:

<u>§931-A.</u> Use of board member representing the public interests instead of full board

8 The parties may agree to have any controversy that could be handled by the board under this subchapter directed to the board member selected to represent the public interests of the State or 10 to one of the alternates from the same category. If the parties 12 elect to use that board member, the parties must agree on the board member or alternate by name. A board member selected under 14 this section may administer oaths and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the matter 16 before the board member and has the same power to act on any 18 issue and in any manner as the full board has pursuant to this subchapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits the parties to agree to use the neutral member of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation who was selected to represent the public interests of the State rather than the full 3-member board. This will reduce the costs to the parties of having controversies resolved by the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation.