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## 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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No. 707

H.P. 523

House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

An Act Concerning the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO. Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDEXTER of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln and Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, RUHLIN of Brewer.

Be i	t	enacted	by	the	Peop	le of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §2, is further amended to read:

Quorum. Any 2 members of the commission constitute a quorum. Whenever -- the -- commission - hears -- any -- ease under-this-chapter-and-Title-36,-chapter-831,-the-chairman-shall ast-alone-in-the absence or disqualification of any-other member, previded-that-in In the event of illness or extended absence on the part of the-chairman-or-in-the-event-of--a-vacancy-in-that pesitien any one member of the commission, the remaining 2 members may act on appeals, conduct hearings, and render decisions, provided both members agree. If the 2 members are not able to agree on a decision, the case must be tabled until the remaining member is available to cast the deciding vote. Except as otherwise provided, ne a vacancy may does not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Any action, decision, order, rule or recommendation commission. which that is required by law to be made by the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission shall may not be made until the commission has held a meeting in the regular course of its business for which all members have been provided with reasonable notice of the meeting and its agenda.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, in the absence or disqualification of a commission member, the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission decides cases that are before the commission. This bill amends the law to specify that a decision must be made by the chair and at least one other member of the commission.