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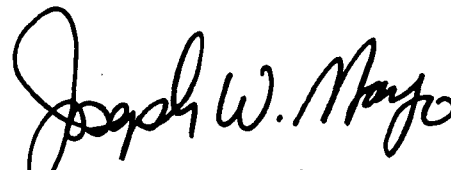
No. 386

H.P. 282

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

An Act to Establish the Maine Commission on Community Service.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAGGETT of Augusta, DiPIETRO of South Portland,
FITZPATRICK of Durham, Senators: FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, HARRIMAN of
Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook, RAND of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 373 is enacted to read:**

6 **CHAPTER 373**

8 **MAINE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE**

10 **§7501. Commission established**

12 There is established the Maine Commission on Community
14 Service, referred to in this chapter as the "commission," to
16 foster the State's ethic of community services, receive grants,
implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to local
entities in accordance with the federal National and Community
Service Trust Act of 1993, Public Law 108-02.

18 **§7502. Membership; terms**

20 **1. Membership; qualifications.** The commission consists of
22 no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 voting members appointed by
24 the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
matters and confirmation by the Legislature. The commission must
include the following:

26 A. A representative of a community-based agency or
28 organization;

30 B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
32 designee;

34 C. A representative of local government;

36 D. A representative of a local labor organization;

38 E. A representative of business;

40 F. An individual who is at least 16 years of age but no
42 more than 25 years of age and who is a participant in or
supervisor of a service program for youth or a campus-based
or national service program;

44 G. A representative of a national service program;

46 H. An individual with expertise in the education, training
48 and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged
youth;

2 I. An individual with experience in promoting the
involvement of adults aged 55 and older in national service
4 and volunteerism; and

6 J. A representative of the State's volunteer community.

8 A member may represent more than one category in this subsection.

10 The appointments may also include educators, including
representatives from institutions of higher education and local
12 education agencies; experts in the delivery of human,
educational, environmental or public safety services to
14 communities and persons; representatives of Native American
tribes and nations; representatives of out-of-school or at-risk
16 youth; and representatives of programs that are administered or
receive assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service
18 Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951 et seq. (1973).
The commission also must include a nonvoting liaison designated
20 by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service.
The appointments must reflect some diversity with respect to
22 geography, race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability
characteristics and political affiliation. Not more than 50%
24 plus one member may be from the same political party. The number
of voting members who are officers or employees of the State may
26 not exceed 25% of the total membership.

28 The chair must be an appointed voting member of the commission,
selected by the voting members.

30 2. Terms of office. The appointed members serve 3-year
terms. Of the initial appointments only, 1/3 expire June 30,
32 1996, 1/3 expire June 30, 1997 and 1/3 expire June 30, 1998. The
Governor shall appoint members to vacancies on the commission as
34 they occur or upon expiration of terms. Any vacancy must be
filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy
36 occurs.

38 3. Reimbursement. Members are entitled to compensation for
expenses in the same manner as state employees.

40 **§7503. Duties**

42 The commission shall:

44 1. Vision. Develop a state vision for national and
46 community service;

48 2. Ethic of service. Demonstrate an ethic of service
through its activities and procedures utilizing decision-making
50 by consensus;

2 **3. National and community service plan.** Develop a 3-year
3 comprehensive national and community service plan and update the
4 plan annually. The commission shall ensure an open and inclusive
5 process for maximum participation in development of the plan;

6 **4. Preselect programs and prepare applications.** Preselect
7 national service programs as defined in the National Service
8 Trust Act, 42 United States Code, Section 12502, et seq. and
9 prepare a grant application to the Corporation for National and
10 Community Service;

11 **5. Assist state education agencies.** Assist state education
12 agencies in the preparation of grant applications;

13 **6. Administer grant programs.** Evaluate, monitor and
14 administer grant programs;

15 **7. Provide technical assistance.** Provide technical
16 assistance in the grant application process;

17 **8. Provide assistance to national service programs.**
18 Provide program development, technical assistance and training to
19 national service programs;

20 **9. Recruitment and placement.** Recruit and place national
21 service program participants;

22 **10. Assist and make recommendations.** Assist and make
23 recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community
24 Service with respect to priorities within the State for programs
25 receiving assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service
26 Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951, et seq. (1973);

27 **11. Coordination.** Foster collaboration efforts between
28 state agencies and volunteer service programs and establish
29 advisory committees as needed; and

30 **12. Fund raising.** Carry out fund-raising efforts to
31 supplement federal funding and to meet all federal matching
32 requirements.

33 **§7504. Executive director**

34 **1. Salary.** The commission shall hire an executive director
35 who serves at the pleasure of the commission. The salary of the
36 executive director must be established by the commission at the
37 time of appointment. Interim staff service must be provided by
38 the Director of the State Planning Office as needed to meet
39 federal funding deadlines.

