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No. 962

H.P. 698

House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

An Act to Make the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife an Elected Position.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket. (By Request)
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
O'NEAL of Limestone, PERKINS of Penobscot, STANLEY of Medway, TUTTLE of
Sanford, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7031**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §3, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7031-A** is enacted to read:

8 **§7031-A. Election and term**

10 **1. Election.** The commissioner is elected at a statewide election by the qualified voters of the State.

12 **2. Term.** The term of an elected commissioner is 4 years. In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the term. A gubernatorial appointment under this subsection is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.

20 **3. Two-term limit.** A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms as commissioner.

24 **Sec. 3. First election.** The first election of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must be held in November 1998.

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires that, beginning in November 1998, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be elected by the
32 qualified voters of the State at a statewide election. The term of an elected commissioner is 4 years and a person may not serve
34 more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms as commissioner. The Governor is also authorized to appoint a successor commissioner
36 in the event of a vacancy subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to confirmation by
38 the Legislature.