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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 347, L.D. 1166, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §683, first ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 3, §2, is further amended to read:

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 1 to carry out the purposes stated in section 681, is created within the Department of Conservation, and in this chapter called the "commission." The commission is charged with implementing this chapter in all of the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State. The commission consists of 7 public members, none of whom may be state employees, who must be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, for staggered 4-year terms. ~~Among the public members, there must be 4 who must be knowledgeable in at least one of each of the following areas: commerce and industry, fisheries and wildlife, forestry, and conservation.~~ Of the potential appointees to the commission, the Governor shall actively seek and give consideration to persons who are knowledgeable in commerce and industry, fisheries and wildlife, forestry, and conservation. In addition the Governor shall actively seek and give consideration to persons residing in or

near the unorganized areas of the State and to persons residing on unorganized coastal islands. At least 2 4 members must be residents within the commission's jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. Application. The provision of this Act requiring that 4 members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be residents within the commission's jurisdiction must be fully implemented by December 31, 1999. This Act does not require the terms of members serving on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission on the effective date of this Act to be terminated.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with the appointment of certain members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission can be absorbed by the Legislature, the Governor's Office and the commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. In addition to requiring that 4 members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be residents within the commission's jurisdiction, this amendment removes the requirement that 4 members must be knowledgeable in at least one of 4 specified areas. Instead it directs the Governor to seek persons who are knowledgeable in these areas for all positions. The amendment adds an application section to clarify that 4 members must be residents of the jurisdiction by December 31, 1999.