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No. 1166

S.P. 347

In Senate, February 20, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine Land Use Regulation
Commission.**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and
ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CASSIDY of Washington, FERGUSON of
Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

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

6 The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, as established by
8 Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 1 to carry out the purposes
10 stated in section 681, is created within the Department of
12 Conservation, and in this chapter called the "commission." The
14 commission is charged with implementing this chapter in all of
16 the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State. The
18 commission consists of 7 public members, none of whom may be
20 state employees, who must be appointed by the Governor, subject
22 to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
24 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--residing--in--or
near--the--unorganized--areas--of--the--State--and--to--persons--residing
on--unorganized--coastal--islands.~~ At least 2 4 of the members must
be residents within the commission's jurisdiction.

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 Current law requires that at least 2 of the 7 members of the
32 Land Use Regulation Commission be residents of territory within
34 the jurisdiction of the commission. This bill requires that 4 of
the members be residents of territory within the jurisdiction of
the commission.