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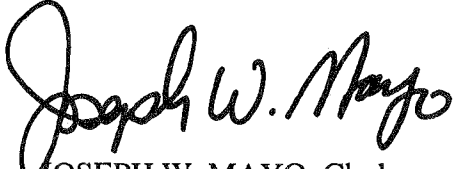
H.P. 926

House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on
Tribal-State Relations.**

Reported by Representative THOMPSON for the Task Force on Tribal-State Relations pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 84.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2 Maliseet Indians and a representative of the Aroostook Band of
3 Micmacs, selected by their respective tribes, and at least 2
4 members of the Legislature, selected by the commission. The
5 commission shall appoint any additional members.

6 3. Terms. Members are appointed for 2-year terms and serve
7 at the pleasure of the commission, except that Tribal
8 Representatives to the Legislature and State Legislators serve ex
9 officio. There is no limit on the number of terms a person may
10 serve.

11 4. Chair. At least once every 2 years, the members shall
12 elect a chair from among the members.

13 5. Meetings. The advisory committee shall meet at the call
14 of the chair or upon the request of the commission, but at least
15 twice a year.

16 6. Duties. The advisory committee shall act as a forum for
17 discussion of issues affecting tribal-state relations, including
18 issues outside the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims
19 Settlement. The advisory committee shall provide advice to the
20 commission and shall make recommendations to the commission.

21 7. Personnel. The advisory committee may employ personnel
22 as it considers necessary and desirable in order to effectively
23 discharge its duties. These employees are not subject to the
24 Civil Service Law or rules.

25 8. Fees, expenses of members. The advisory committee
26 members are entitled to receive \$75 per day for their services
27 and to reimbursement for reasonable expenses, including travel.

28 9. Funding. The advisory committee may receive from any
29 source allocations, appropriations, loans, grants and
30 contributions of money or other things of value to be held, used
31 or applied to carry out this chapter, subject to the conditions
32 upon which the loans, grants and contributions may be made,
33 including, but not limited to, appropriations, allocations,
34 loans, grants or gifts from a private source, federal agency or
35 governmental subdivision of the State or its agencies.

44 SUMMARY

45 This bill comprises the legislative recommendations of the
46 Task Force on Tribal-State Relations, created by Resolve 1995,
47 chapter 84.
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2 The quorum requirement for the Maine Indian Tribal-State
Commission is altered to allow 6 members to constitute a quorum
4 if there is at least one member representing each of the
Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the State.

6 The Advisory Committee on Tribal-State Relations is created
to assist the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission in its
8 responsibilities by serving as a source of advice to the
commission and as a broad forum for the discussion of any issues
10 concerning tribal-state relations, including issues not included
in the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement. The
12 membership must include not only the representatives to the
Legislature of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation,
14 but representatives of the other federally recognized tribes in
the State: the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the
16 Aroostook Band of Micmacs. At least 2 members of the State
Legislature will be selected by the commission to serve as
18 members.