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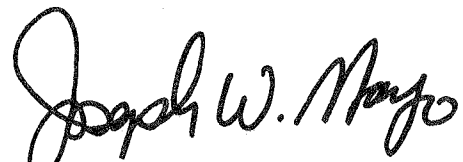
H.P. 1603

House of Representatives, February 25, 1998

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development Relating to the Review of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act.

Reported by Representative VIGUE for the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §918, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548,
4 §1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Private sector corporators.** Private sector corporators
7 shall ~~be~~ are those individuals, partnerships, firms, corporations
8 and other organizations providing support ~~ef--at--least--\$250~~
9 annually to the foundation at a level determined by the board of
10 directors.

12 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §918, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443,
13 §19, is further amended to read:

14 **2. Public sector corporators.** Public sector corporators
15 shall ~~be~~ are those agencies of government and other organizations
16 providing support ~~ef--at--least--\$50~~ annually to the foundation, at
17 a level determined by the board of directors. For the purposes of
18 this chapter, public sector corporators shall include: Municipal
19 municipal and county government; councils of government; local
20 and area development corporations; regional planning commissions;
21 development districts; state agencies; higher educational
22 facilities, including the components of the state university
23 system, the Maine Maritime Academy, private colleges and
24 ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary schools, and technical colleges; and
25 such other public or quasi-public entities as may be approved by
26 the directors of the foundation.

28 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §919**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548, §1, is
29 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

31 §919. Board of directors; officers

32 The Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation,
33 referred to in this chapter as the "board of directors," consists
34 of a minimum of 15 directors elected or appointed to serve in
35 that capacity in accordance with this section. The board of
36 directors shall annually determine the number of directors for
37 the succeeding year. The corporators shall elect 1/2 of the
38 elected directors from among the private sector corporators and
39 1/2 of the elected directors from among the public sector
40 corporators. The Governor shall appoint 2 directors from among
41 the ex officio corporators. Except for the president of the
42 Maine Development Foundation, a person may not serve as a
43 director for more than 5 years in succession. The corporators
44 shall elect a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer from among the
45 board of directors. The board of directors shall appoint a
46 president of the Maine Development Foundation. The president may
47 not be appointed from among the other directors. Upon
48 appointment, the president becomes a director and the chief
49 executive officer of the Maine Development Foundation.

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SUMMARY

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This bill implements the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development relating to its review of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act.

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This bill provides for the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation to determine annual support levels for private and public corporators. It also sets the minimum number of directors at 15 and allows the board to determine the exact number. It clarifies that, except for the president of the foundation, a person may not serve as a director for more than 5 consecutive years.