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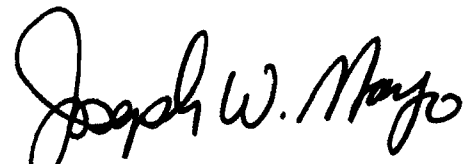
No. 58

H.P. 44

House of Representatives, January 7, 1999

**An Act Regarding the Composition of the Maine HIV Advisory
Committee.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19202, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL
4 1993, c. 384, §2, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §19202, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

8 **2-A. Membership.** The Maine HIV Advisory Committee consists
10 of 9 members, appointed on the basis of their knowledge and
experience, as follows:

12 A. Three members appointed by the Governor;

14 B. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate;
and

16 C. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House.

18 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §19202, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL
20 1993, c. 384, §2, is amended to read:

22 **3. Terms; compensation.** The term of office of each member
24 is 2 years; except that of the members first appointed pursuant
to subsection 2-A, 1/3 4 must be appointed for a term of one
26 year, 1/3 and the remainder for a term of 2 years and 1/3 for a
term of 3 years; ~~the Commissioner of Human Services or the~~
28 ~~commissioner's designee serves during the commissioner's term of~~
~~office; and Legislators serve during the term for which they were~~
elected. The Governor shall designate a chair and vice-chair to
30 serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chair is the
presiding member of the committee. All vacancies must be filled
32 for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as
original appointments. The members of the committee are entitled
34 to compensation in accordance with chapter 379.

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38 **SUMMARY**

40 Current law calls for the Maine HIV Advisory Committee to
42 consist of 36 members, drawn from 31 different constituencies.
This bill reduces the committee to a more manageable 9 members,
44 serving for 2-year, rather than the present 3-year, terms.
Members would be appointed by the Governor, the President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House based upon knowledge and
46 experience, rather than constituency. The mission and duties of
the committee are unchanged.