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In Senate, February 20, 2001

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Potato Board.

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 KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Caribou and
Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: DUNCAN of Presque Isle, LANDRY of
Patten, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, WHEELER of Bridgewater, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1033, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
6 99, §6, is further amended to read:

8 B. ~~Seven~~ Five representatives of growers of tablestock
10 potatoes, one elected by the assembly of tablestock growers
12 in each of the districts established pursuant to Title 36,
14 section 4602, subsection 3 3-A;

16 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4602, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 190,
18 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

20 **3. District.** "District" means each one of the geographical
22 divisions of the State as follows:

24 A. District One: Fort Kent, Fort Kent Mills, Frenchville,
26 Grand Isle, Keegan, New Canada Plantation, New Sweden,
28 Sinclair, Soldier Pond, St. Agatha, St. David, St. Francis,
30 Stockholm and Van Buren;

32 B. District 2: Caribou, Connor, Connor Township,
34 Crouseville, Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Perham, Washburn and
36 Woodland;

38 C. District 3: Ashland, Blaine, Bridgewater, Chapman,
40 Easton, Garfield Plantation, Mapleton, Mars Hill, Presque
42 Isle and Robbinston;

44 D. District 4: Benedicta, Houlton, Island Falls, Lee,
46 Littleton, Monticello, New Limerick, Oakfield, Patten,
48 Sherman and Sherman Mills; and

E. District 5: Auburn, Canton, Charleston, Corinna,
Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Dresden, East Corinth, Exeter,
Farmington Falls, Fryeburg, Hampden, Lewiston, Lincoln,
Milo, Newport, Pittsfield, Rumford, Sangerville,
Scarborough, Steep Falls and Troy.

40 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4603, sub-§2, ¶¶A, B and C**, as enacted by PL
42 1985, c. 753, §§14 and 15, are amended to read:

44 A. There ~~shall-be-7~~ are 5 assemblies of tablestock growers,
46 one for each district. Subject to paragraph F, all
48 tablestock growers in any district ~~shall-be~~ are entitled to
membership in that district's tablestock growers' assembly.

B. There ~~shall-be-7~~ are 5 assemblies of seed growers, one
for each district. Subject to paragraph F, all seed growers

2 in any district ~~shall-be~~ are entitled to membership in that
district's seed growers' assembly.

4 C. There ~~shall-be-7~~ are 5 assemblies of processing growers,
one for each district. Subject to paragraph F, all
6 processing growers in any district ~~shall-be~~ are entitled to
membership in that district's processing growers' assembly.

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10 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4603, sub-§3, ¶¶A, B and C,** as enacted by PL
1985, c. 753, §§14 and 15, are amended to read:

12 A. The executive council for the tablestock growers shall
~~eonsist~~ consists of 7 members, one elected by the tablestock
14 growers' assembly for each district and 2 additional members
are appointed by the board.

16 B. The executive council for the seed growers shall ~~eonsist~~
18 consists of 7 members, one elected by the seed growers'
assembly for each district and 2 additional members are
20 appointed by the board.

22 C. The executive council for the processing growers shall
~~eonsist~~ consists of 7 members, one elected by the processing
24 growers' assembly for each district and 2 additional members
are appointed by the board.

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28 **Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §4603, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 561,
§1, is further amended to read:

30 **4. Terms of executive council membership.** Once elected,
executive council members shall serve for 2 years, provided that
32 the members may continue to serve until a successor is duly
elected and qualified and that executive council members may not
34 serve more than 5 consecutive terms. The members appointed by
the board serve for staggered 2-year terms to be determined by
36 the board.

38 SUMMARY

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42 This bill amends the laws governing the Maine Potato Board.
The bill reduces the number of districts from 7 to 5. The bill
requires the board to appoint 2 members to the executive councils.