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House of Representatives, February 26, 2003

An Act To Require Certain Agencies To Track Votes of Board and Commission Members

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representative: SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 308, §5, is further amended to read:

6 The Commissioner of Conservation shall prepare a biennial budget and shall submit to the Legislature requests for appropriations sufficient to carry out ~~its~~ the commission's assigned tasks. The commission may accept contributions of any type from any source to assist it in carrying out its assigned tasks, and make such requirements in respect to the administration of such funds, not inconsistent with this subchapter, as are required as conditions precedent to receiving such funds, federal or otherwise. The commission shall give public notice of all contributions, in the state paper, stating the source, the amount and the purpose of such contributions. The commission may contract with municipal, State and Federal Governments or their agencies to assist in the carrying out of any of its assigned tasks. The Commissioner of Conservation, with the consent of a majority of the commission, shall appoint a director who ~~shall--be~~ is the principal administrative, operational and executive employee of the commission. The director shall attend all meetings of the commission and be permitted to participate fully but ~~shall~~ is not be a voting member of the commission. The director shall track the vote of each commissioner on every issue before the commission and make the voting record of each commissioner available to the public.

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30 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §342, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

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34 **18. Vote tracking.** The commissioner shall track the vote of each member of the board on every issue before the board and make the voting record of every board member available to the public.

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SUMMARY

40 This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to track the votes of each member of the Board of Environmental Protection and the Director of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to track the votes of each member of the commission. The bill also requires that the commissioner and the director make these voting records available to the public.

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