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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1382, L.D. 1856, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2" and inserting in its place the following: '6'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A by striking out all of paragraphs A and B and inserting in their place the following:

A. One member of the Senate representing the political party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats in the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

B. One member of the House of Representatives representing the political party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats in the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

C. One representative of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One representative of people who provide direct support services to victims of sexual assault, appointed by the President of the Senate;

E. One representative of people who provide direct support services to victims of domestic violence, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

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F. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the last paragraph in the last line by inserting after the following: "Legislature." the following: 'Legislators serving on the commission may continue to serve until the commission completes its work, regardless of whether those Legislators are elected to serve in November 2004.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment increases the membership of the commission from 17 to 23. The new members added are a representative of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, representatives from domestic violence and sexual assault victims service providers, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and 2 Legislators: one Senator representing the 2nd-largest political party in the Senate and one representative representing the 2nd-largest political party in the House. The amendment also clarifies that legislators may continue to serve on the commission, even if not reelected to serve in the Legislature in November 2004.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**



**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1856**

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To  
Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of  
Prisoners**

**LR 2717(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Current Costs - Legislative Study

**Legislative Study**

The projected legislative costs to extend the Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners and add two additional members are \$1,260 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$3,780 in fiscal year 2004-05. Other expenses attributable to the extension may be paid from the remaining balance of the original appropriation to the Department of Corrections for the Commission. The Legislature has budgeted \$20,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 for legislative studies. Whether the amount is sufficient to fund all studies, including the fiscal year 2004-05 legislative costs of this bill, will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.