# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

An Act To Amend the Procedure for Election of the Casco Bay Island Transit District Board

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §3, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

Sec. 3. Election of directors. The elected directors shall must be elected by a plurality vote of the legal voters resident on the islands composing the district at an election to be held at the time of the municipal elections for the City of Portland, with the first election to be held Monday, May 4, 1981. Beginning with the election held in 2006, a director who is required to be a resident of or property owner on one of the 6 Casco Bay islands named in section 1 may be voted on and elected only by the residents of the island on which the director resides or owns property. The 2 at-large directors who are residents of or property owners in the State must be elected by the voters of the 6 islands. Each director shall-serve serves for a term of 3 years, with 2 directors being elected on a rotating basis each The order of rotation shall must be decided by the directors by lot at the first meeting of the directors elected. A majority of the directors shall-eenstitute constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and any action taken by a majority of directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance shall-be is deemed to be the action of the full board of directors.

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#### **SUMMARY**

Current law establishes a 12-member board of directors for the Casco Bay Island Transit District. Eight of the members are required to be residents or property owners on one of 6 Casco Bay islands, with Peaks Island having 3 directors and Little Diamond Island, Great Diamond Island, Long Island, Cliff Island and Great Chebeague Island having one director each. Two directors are at large and are required only to be residents of or property owners in Maine.

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This bill requires the direct election of each of the directors by the voters of the island on which the director is required to reside or own property; only voters of the island that the director represents may vote for or against that director. The 2 at-large directors will continue to be elected by all the voters of the 6 islands. The direct representation will be phased in over a 3-year period beginning with the election held in 2006.