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An Act To Promote Nonconsumptive Use of Maine's Fish and Wildlife Resources

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10151, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414,
5 Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the
6 following enacted in its place:

7 1. **Appointment.** The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory
8 Council, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 20
9 and referred to in this Part as "the advisory council," consists
10 of 10 members. Five members represent the 16 counties of the
11 State in the following manner: one member represents Franklin
12 County, Kennebec County, Oxford County and Somerset County; one
13 member represents Aroostook County; one member represents
14 Androscoggin County, Cumberland County, Sagadahoc County and York
15 County; one member represents Hancock County, Knox County,
16 Lincoln County and Waldo County; and one member represents
17 Penobscot County, Piscataquis County and Washington County. Of
18 the remaining 5 members, one member represents bird watchers, one
19 member represents herpetologists, one member represents wildlife
20 watchers, one member represents naturalists and one member
21 represents botanists. Members of the advisory council are
22 appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint
23 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
24 inland fisheries and wildlife matters and to confirmation by the
25 Legislature. The commissioner is a nonvoting, ex officio member
26 of the advisory council, but may vote to break a tie.

27 An employee of the department may not serve as a member of the
28 advisory council prior to the expiration of one year from that
29 employee's last day of employment with the department. A
30 Legislator may not serve as a member of the advisory council. A
31 former Legislator who was a member of the joint standing
32 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland
33 fisheries and wildlife matters may not serve as a member of the
34 advisory council prior to the expiration of one year from that
35 former Legislator's last day of membership on that committee.

36 **Sec. 2. Transition; members in office.** Members of the Inland
37 Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in office on the
38 effective date of this Act continue in office for the remainder
39 of their terms. When the term of office of a member expires,
40 that member's successor is elected pursuant to the Maine Revised
41 Statutes, Title 12, section 10151, subsection 1.
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45 **SUMMARY**

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47 **48** This bill restructures the membership of the Inland
49 Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council. The bill reduces the
50 members that represent the 16 counties from 10 to 5 and requires
51 that the remaining 5 members represent bird watchers,
52 herpetologists, wildlife watchers, naturalists and botanists.