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House of Representatives, February 8, 2007

### **An Act To Change the Qualifications for the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook,  
HASKELL of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Commission.** The Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission ~~shall consist~~  
5 consists of 3 members, one of whom ~~shall must~~ be a representative of labor, one of whom  
6 ~~shall must~~ be a representative of employers and one of whom ~~shall must~~ be a  
7 representative of the general public, who ~~shall must~~ be impartial and hold a master's  
8 degree in public administration or business administration, or hold an equivalent degree  
9 or have comparable experience, or be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in the  
10 State, and shall be who serves as the chairman chair of the commission. Except as  
11 provided in this subsection, the 3 members and their successors ~~shall be~~ are appointed by  
12 the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
13 jurisdiction over labor and to confirmation by the Senate, to hold office for a term of 6  
14 years or until a successor has been duly appointed and confirmed, except that any  
15 member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which  
16 a predecessor was appointed ~~shall be~~ is appointed for the remainder of the term. During a  
17 term of membership on the commission, a member ~~shall may~~ not engage in any other  
18 business, vocation or employment, nor serve as an officer or committee member of any  
19 political organization.

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#### SUMMARY

21 Current law requires that the chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance  
22 Commission be an attorney. This bill provides that the chair of the commission may  
23 instead hold a master's degree in public administration or business administration or hold  
24 an equivalent degree or have comparable experience.