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An Act To Allow Nonmember Directors To Serve on the Board of Cooperative Agricultural Associations

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, JOY of Crystal.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §1871, sub-§1** is amended to read:

3 **1. Membership; term.** The business of the association ~~shall be~~ is managed by a board
4 of not less than 3 directors. The directors ~~shall~~ must be members of the association or
5 officers, general managers, directors or members of a member association, except that the
6 members of the association may elect, pursuant to the bylaws of the association, to allow the
7 election of nonmember directors of the association by the board of directors, as long as the
8 number of nonmember directors does not exceed 25% of the total number of duly elected
9 member directors. A director shall hold office for the term for which ~~he~~ the director was
10 named or elected and until ~~his~~ the director's successor is elected and qualified.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Under current law, the board of directors of a cooperative agricultural association consists
13 of members of the association. This bill specifically allows members of an association to
14 allow the election of nonmember directors, as long as the number of nonmember directors
15 does not exceed 25% of the total number of member directors.