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House of Representatives, January 15, 2013

An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Membership of the Maine Economic Growth Council

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Representative: COTTA of China.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §929-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 420, §5, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Membership.** The council consists of 19 members. The Governor, President of
5 the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the
6 following 18 members, 2 of whom shall serve as cochairs of the council:

7 A. Thirteen members having a broad range of expertise in areas including but not
8 limited to: labor, environment, business and education;

9 B. ~~Four members of the Legislature~~ Two members of the Senate with a demonstrated
10 interest in economic development, one of whom belongs to the political party holding
11 the largest number of seats in the Senate and one of whom belongs to the political
12 party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate; and

13 B-1. Two members of the House of Representatives with a demonstrated interest in
14 economic development, one of whom belongs to the political party holding the
15 largest number of seats in the House of Representatives and one of whom belongs to
16 the political party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House of
17 Representatives; and

18 C. One member from the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board under section
19 949.

20 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's
21 designee is a member of the council.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 Under current law, 4 members of the Legislature are appointed to the Maine
24 Economic Growth Council. This bill requires that 2 of the 4 legislative members must be
25 Senators and 2 must be members of the House of Representatives. This bill also requires
26 that, of the 2 members from each body, one must belong to the political party holding the
27 largest number of seats in that body and one must belong to the political party holding the
28 2nd largest number of seats in that body.