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No. 231

H.P. 192

House of Representatives, February 5, 2013

An Act To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, GIDEON of Freeport.

| 2                    | <b>Emergency preamble. Whereas,</b> acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and   |
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| 3<br>4<br>5          | <b>Whereas,</b> the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women is in need of funding to print and distribute its required biennial report to the Governor and the Legislature in a timely manner; and  |
| 6<br>7<br>8<br>9     | Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,    |
| 10                   | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:   |
| 11                   | Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7030-C, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §1, is amended to read:  |
| 12                   | §7030-C. Chair  |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16 | The Governor shall select from among the members of the commission a chair and a vice chair, both of whom shall serve for one year. These selections must be made each year prior to the first meeting of the commission. The chair is authorized to appoint subcommittees. |
| 17<br>18             | <b>Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7030-D,</b> as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:  |
| 19<br>20<br>21       | The commission may accept funds from the Federal Government, from a political subdivision of the State or from an individual, a foundation or a corporation and may expend funds for purposes that are consistent with this chapter.  |
| 22<br>23             | <b>Emergency clause.</b> In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.   |
| 24                   | SUMMARY   |
| 25<br>26<br>27       | This bill authorizes the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to accept and expend funds for the purposes of the commission. The bill also eliminates a vice-chair position for the commission and the term period for the chair.                                    |
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