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**An Act To Change the Membership of the Family Law Advisory
Commission**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §352, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §13, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Membership.** The commission is composed of ~~11~~ 12 members appointed by the
5 Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The members must have experience in
6 practicing family law or be knowledgeable about family law. The membership of the
7 commission must include:

8 A. An active Superior Court Justice;

9 B. An active District Court Judge;

10 B-1. An active family law magistrate;

11 C. A current Probate Court Judge;

12 D. Two members of the family law section of the Maine State Bar Association, or its
13 successor;

14 E. A representative of a legal services organization;

15 E-1. A representative of the Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Service;

16 F. A representative of the department; ~~and~~

17 G. Two public members, at least one of whom has experience providing mental
18 health services; ~~and~~

19 H. A representative of an organization of guardians ad litem.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill adds a member to the Family Law Advisory Commission, increasing the
22 membership from 11 to 12. The new member must be a representative of an organization
23 of guardians ad litem.