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#### An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HERRICK of Paris, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3023, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 113, §1, is further
amended to read:

4 The Chief Medical Examiner shall appoint medical examiners, who have statewide jurisdiction and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner, subject to the Chief 5 Medical Examiner's control and the rules adopted by the Chief Medical Examiner. 6 Medical examiners are appointed for a term of no more than 5 years, and such terms may 7 be renewed indefinitely. The medical examiners must be learned in the science of 8 9 medicine and anatomy, licensed as physicians in this State and residents of this State. Each medical examiner before entering upon the duties of the office and before each 10 period of renewal must be duly sworn to the faithful performance of the medical 11 examiner's duty. 12

## SUMMARY

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14 This bill establishes terms of appointment of no more than 5 years for medical 15 examiners and provides for those terms to be renewed indefinitely, in order to allow the 16 Chief Medical Examiner to review the activity status of the medical examiners and ensure 17 that their qualifications are updated to meet any new guidelines and office policies.