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**An Act To Change the Membership of the Maine Commission on
Domestic and Sexual Abuse To Include More Tribal Members**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAXMIN of
Nobleboro, MEYER of Eliot, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS
of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4013, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 257, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The Governor shall name the chair from among the following members:

5 (1) ~~Two members~~ One member, appointed by the Governor, who ~~are~~
6 ~~representatives~~ is a representative of the statewide coalition of domestic violence
7 projects;

8 (1-A) ~~Two members~~ One member, appointed by the Governor, who ~~are~~
9 ~~representatives~~ is a representative of the statewide coalition of sexual assault
10 centers;

11 (2) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of the
12 mental health profession;

13 (3) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of victims
14 of domestic violence;

15 (3-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of
16 victims of sexual assault;

17 (4) Two members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom has experience
18 representing victims of domestic abuse, who are attorneys with experience in
19 domestic relations cases;

20 (5) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of domestic
21 abuse and used the court system;

22 (5-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who was a victim of sexual
23 assault and used the court system;

24 (6) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a district attorney or
25 assistant district attorney;

26 (7) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is chief of a municipal police
27 department or the chief's designee;

28 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a county sheriff or the
29 sheriff's designee;

30 (8-A) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the ~~statewide coordinator~~
31 executive director of a statewide coalition to end domestic violence;

32 (8-B) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is the executive director of
33 a statewide coalition against sexual assault;

34 (8-C) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

35 (8-D) The Chief of the Maine State Police or the chief's designee;

36 (9) The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

37 (9-A) The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's
38 designee;

- 1 (9-C) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- 2 (9-D) The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- 3 (9-E) The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
- 4 (9-F) One member, appointed by the Governor, who has experience working in
- 5 batterers' intervention programs;
- 6 (10) Up to ~~6~~ 4 members-at-large, appointed by the Governor;
- 7 (11) Up to 4 members, appointed by the Governor, representing underserved
- 8 populations; ~~and~~
- 9 (12) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a tribal member and
- 10 provides services through a tribal program to tribal members who are victims of
- 11 domestic or sexual violence-;
- 12 (13) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is an executive director of a
- 13 tribal coalition against sexual assault and domestic violence;
- 14 (14) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is chief of a tribal police
- 15 department or the chief's designee;
- 16 (15) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of a tribal
- 17 court; and
- 18 (16) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of tribal
- 19 government.

20 **Sec. 2. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A,
21 section 4013, subsection 1, paragraph A, the members of the Maine Commission on
22 Domestic and Sexual Abuse serving immediately prior to the effective date of this Act
23 continue to serve as members of the commission for the terms for which they were
24 appointed until the Governor appoints their successors.

25 SUMMARY

26 This bill changes the membership of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual
27 Abuse by:

- 28 1. Reducing the representation of the statewide coalition of domestic violence
- 29 projects from 2 members to one member;
- 30 2. Reducing the representation of the statewide coalition of sexual assault centers
- 31 from 2 members to one member;
- 32 3. Allowing the member who is a chief of a municipal police department to appoint a
- 33 designee to serve on the commission;
- 34 4. Allowing the member who is a county sheriff to appoint a designee to serve on the
- 35 commission;

1 5. Correcting the description of a member from the statewide coordinator of a
2 statewide coalition to end domestic violence to the executive director of a statewide
3 coalition to end domestic violence;

4 6. Reducing the number of at-large members from 6 to 4; and

5 7. Adding 4 new members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor, one of whom
6 is an executive director of a tribal coalition against sexual assault and domestic violence,
7 one of whom is chief of a tribal police department or the chief's designee, one of whom is
8 a representative of a tribal court and one of whom is a representative of tribal
9 government.