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H.P. 1195

House of Representatives, April 27, 2021

**An Act To Expand Tenant Representation on Boards of Directors of
Nonprofit Housing Organizations**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MORALES of South Portland,
WHITE of Waterville, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 13-B MRSA §701-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§701-A. Board of directors of a nonprofit housing corporation**

4 A corporation organized under this Title that enters into a rental agreement for dwelling
5 units in a multi-unit residential building shall include on its board of directors a current
6 tenant of that building. This section does not apply to a corporation that only provides
7 emergency shelter or short-term transitional housing. For purposes of this section,
8 "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in Title 14, section 6021, subsection 1.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires a nonprofit corporation that provides dwelling units in a multi-unit
11 residential building to include a current tenant on its board of directors. It does not apply
12 to a nonprofit corporation that only provides emergency shelter or short-term transitional
13 housing.