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**An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State
Claims Commission**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §152, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 185, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The State Claims Commission, established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 5,
5 consists of 5 members. Four of the members must be appointed by the Governor, 2 of
6 whom must be qualified appraisers certified as general real estate appraisers pursuant to
7 Title 32, chapter 124 within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment and 2 of whom
8 must be attorneys-at-law. The Governor shall designate one of the attorneys-at-law to be
9 chair. The members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of
10 4 years. They must be sworn, and for inefficiency, willful neglect of duty or for
11 malfeasance in office may, after notice and hearing, be removed by the Governor on the
12 address of both branches of the Legislature or by impeachment. In case of a vacancy
13 occurring through death, resignation or removal, the Governor shall appoint a successor for
14 the whole term of the member whose place that successor takes, subject to removal as
15 provided in this section.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows a real estate appraiser whose license has lapsed to be appointed to the
18 State Claims Commission as long as the real estate appraiser was licensed as a certified
19 real estate appraiser within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment.