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CHAPTER 1

S. P. 99 — L. D. 175

AN ACT to Correct the References to Joint Standing Committees for the Purpose of Confirmation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 109th first regular session of the Legislature changed the number and jurisdiction of the joint standing committees by amending the joint rules; and

Whereas, confirmation of gubernatorial nominees requires the review of a specific joint standing committee; and

Whereas, the specific review committee is named in the statutes that govern confirmation of each nomination and those statutory references were not changed to conform to the new committee jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the Governor is presently nominating many officers and other appointees, and there is a time limit on the legislative confirmation proceedings; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

3 MRSA § 151-A is enacted to read:

§ 151-A. Correction of statutory references to committees

Notwithstanding any other provision, the joint standing committees charged with reviewing nominations shall be changed as follows.

1. Liquor control. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Liquor Control shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

2. Veterans and retirement. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Retirement shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans.

3. Performance audit. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Performance Audit shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review.

4. Energy. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

5. Natural resources. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

6. Human resources. All nominations subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources shall be subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

7. Savings clause. All nominations that have been reviewed by joint standing committees of the 109th Legislature shall be deemed to comply with statutory requirements if the review was conducted as provided in this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.